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— Appointment of an enquiry Committee
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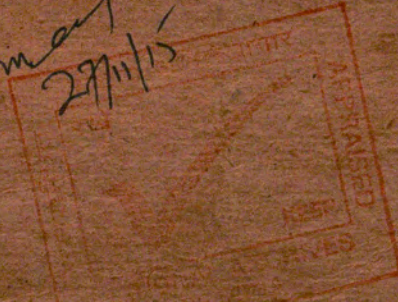
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Suresha Mohan
31.10.84

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Political Section

Office Memo. No. 18/66/70-boll-II
dated 29-11-70 from the Ministry
of Home Affairs.

F.R.

Starred Question by no. 7977 proposed to be asked by Shri Samrat Guha for answer in the Lok Sabha on 2-12-70 has been referred to us by the Ministry of Home Affairs asking for necessary material for furnishing the facts to the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

2. Records have been checked up but we do not appear to have any information on the subject. May inform the Ministry of Home Affairs accordingly?

SSA
30/11

SR Verma
30.11.70

~~P.S(S)~~

TS may kindly see before I write back to DIT that this Sectt have no information in regard to part (b) of the Question.

VP. Marathe
30 11 70

~~JS~~

~~Ramadas~~
30/11/70

~~P.S(S)~~

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Shri Chitta Basu, M.P. wrote to P.M. on 2nd November, 1970 and suggested that in view of the fact that "certain important and revealing informations which concern a number of foreign countries have come out in the course of the deposition of witnesses" before the Netaji Inquiry Commission, the United Nations should be approached to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the whole matter and ascertain the whole truth about it. On that letter P.M. minuted as follows:

"If the Commission thinks it necessary, the Government should try through its Missions and its P.R. at U.N. to get all such information from other Governments and persons."

The Home Ministry has brought P.M.'s minute to the notice of Foreign Secretary. The letter sent to him by the Home Ministry is at Flag 'S'. The Home Ministry has also sent a copy of Shri Chitta Basu's letter to the Netaji Inquiry Commission with a request that its considered views may be sent to the Ministry.

2. Shri Chitta Basu is expecting a reply from P.M., as he has sent a reminder on 20th November, 1970.
3. ^A~~The~~ draft is put up for P.M.'s consideration.

B.N. Tandon
(B.N. Tandon)
26.11.1970

P.M.

bol.

→ S.No. 6

P.M. has already seen Shri Chitta Basu's letter placed below. He had requested that either the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission (Shri Justice Khosla) to Tokyo be postponed or immediate arrangements be made for the completion of all arrangements for the representatives of his party to travel to Japan so as to enable them to be present during the inquiry.

2. It is understood from the Ministry of Home Affairs that Shri Justice Khosla has already reached Tokyo. However, that Ministry has ~~also~~ asked the other Ministries concerned to render necessary assistance to the representatives of the Forward Bloc who have applied for passport/visas etc. for visiting Japan in connection with this inquiry.

3. P.M. may wish to reply to Shri Chitta Basu's letter. A draft is put up for her consideration.

B.N. Tandon
(B.N. Tandon) 29371
29.3.1971

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P.M.

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If the Commission think it necessary, the Government should try through its missions and its P.R. at U.N. to get all such information from other governments and persons.

Sd/- Indira Gandhi
5.11.70

MOS.

How can the Home Ministry help? pl. discuss urgently.

Sd/- K.C. Pant
7.11

H.S.

J.S. may please speak with the relevant file.

Sd/- L.P. Singh
Secretary
9.11.70

JS(Pol)

Sd/- T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan
Jt. Secy.
9.11.70

DS.II

This was discussed with H.S. yesterday. He suggested that action on the following lines may be taken:

1. A reference may be made to MEA seeking their advice regarding the suggestion that the United Nations may be moved to constitute an International Inquiry Commission. MEA may also be requested to ascertain through their Missions and let us know whether any documents regarding Netaji are available as mentioned in Shri Chitta Basu's letter.
2. The comments of the Inquiry Commission on the letter may also be sought.
2. D.F.A.II is addressed to Secretary of the Commission. D.F.A.II addressed to Foreign Secretary is for consideration of J.S.

pl. issue and
resubmit with
u.o. dictated.

Sd/- R. Vasudevan
Dy. Secy.
14.11.70

ltd/-
17.11

JS(Pol)

Issue. Thereafter inform P.M.'s sectt.

Sd/-
16.11.

submitted with reference to US(Poll's)
marginal note on p.l. ante. DFA.

It'd/-
19.11.70

Sd/- T.R. Agnani
19.11.70

DS(II)

The file may be shown to JS to PM.

Sd/-
21.11.70

JS to PM(Shri B.N. Tandon)
MHA u.o.No. 25(48)70-Poll.II dt. 21.11.70

A copy of PM's letter to Sri Basu and a further
letter from him are placed on the file.

Gr. No. 6
u.o. No. 7

Sd/- B.N. Tandon
30.11.70

DS(Poll.II)MHA

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Netaji Inquiry Commission has been set up to enquire into the death of Netaji Subash Chander Bose. Shri Chitta Basu, M.P. in his letter dated 2.11.70 addressed to Prime Minister suggested that some information about the disappearance of Netaji was available with some foreign Govts. This information may be obtained from these countries and supplied to the Netaji Inquiry Commission. He also suggested that United Nations may be approached to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the whole matter.

2. The prime Minister desired that if the Commission thought it necessary, the Govt. should try through its Missions and its permanent Representative at UN to get all such information from other Governments and persons.

3. The Commission who were consulted in the matter expressed that as and when they would come to know of any document, any foreign Government or individual, they would trace that document for the purpose of inquiry.

4. The Ministry of External Affairs have addressed our Missions, in the concerned countries to approach the Govts. concerned and make available the documents/information, if any, on the subject for the examination of the Commission. As regards Shri Basu's suggestion that the UN may be approached to constitute an international inquiry commission, the Ministry of External Affairs do not consider it practicable or desirable. We may perhaps accept the views of the Ministry of E.A.

Draft letter to Shri Basu as from Prime Minister is submitted for consideration.

It'd/-
4.2.71

Sd/- T.R. Agnani
6.2

DS(II)

Sd/-
8.2

JS(Pol)

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perhaps a letter could be sent at
an official level. JS to PM may pl. see
for advice.

sd/-
9.2

JS to PM
MHA u.o.No.25/48/70-poll.II dt. 9.2.71

seen; thanks.

x P.N. 6

Since Sri Basu has not reverted to
this subject after P.M.'s letter to him of
28th November 1970, it is, perhaps, not necessary
to send any reply to him at this stage. In case
he sends a reminder a suitable reply could then
be sent.

sd/- B.N. Tandon
9.2.71

JS(pol) MHA

Political Section

U.O. No. C/125/1/71 - JP dated 20.3.71
from the Ministry of External
Affairs.

'F.R.'

Starred Question by no. 35 proposed
to be asked by Shri A.D. Mani for
answer in the Rajya Sabha on 31-3-71
has been referred to us by the Ministry
of External Affairs, asking for necessary
material for framing an answer.

2. Records in this Section have been
checked up but we do not appear to
have any information on the subject.

P.S. (Personal) may kindly see.

SSA

20/3

Went

20.3.71

~~PS~~

For remarks re the Rajya Sabha
Question appearing at slip 19.

V. P. Marathe

22 3 71

~~PS (Per)~~

This letter has been read here.
Is (11) may kindly see - I think
we passed this on to Home Ministry

~~2st/17~~

M. Desha

22/3

Pl. ascertain from

MTA.

Ramdas

22/3/71

PS (1)

From over-leaf

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As desired by P.S.(S), Public/Hindi Sections have also been consulted. They have informed that they do not appear to have any papers on the subject.

Further efforts have also been made in this Section to search the papers but with no result.

SSA

24/3

Wang
24/3/71

PS(S)

Reference J.S.(II)'s note dated 22nd March, 1971, over the page.

2. I consulted the Ministry of Home Affairs informally, and am told that they do not appear to have received any communication from the deputationists of the All India Forward Bloc on the subject.

3. As regards the letter referred to in P.S.(Personal)'s note overleaf, there is no mention, either in the Rajya Sabha Question or in the Press clippings reporting the meeting, of any memorandum having been presented to P.M. by the All India Forward Bloc. All that is stated is that these people met the Prime Minister on December 26, 1970, and urged upon her to issue an official statement to the effect that Netaji Subhash Chander Bose was not enlisted as a war criminal. According to the Press reports, the deputation further requested P.M. to see that the documents relating to the disappearance of Netaji and his stay abroad, which might be available with the Governments of India, U.K., U.S.A., Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Burma, might be made available to the Khosla Commission of Enquiry. After P.S.(Personal) has confirmed that the All India Forward Bloc people did meet P.M. on December 26, I shall write back to MEA who have called for material pertaining to the question, saying that a deputation of All India Forward Bloc saw P.M. on the aforesaid date; but we did not record any note about the discussion at the meeting.

* slip L
X slip FandG

PS(Pers)

V. P. Marwaha

(V.P. Marwaha)
25-3-1971

J.S.(II)

Ram
25/3/71

Pi. speak

Ram

26/3/71

PS(S) of Ram
26/3

Reference the preceding notes.

2. As desired by J.S., a copy of ^{the} correspondence with Shri Chitta Bosu on the subject and the connected notes recorded in the Home Ministry ~~etc~~ has been obtained from that Ministry, and is placed in the attached folder. As will be seen, the correspondence with Shri Chitta Bosu dates back to November, 1970, whereas the deputation of the All India Forward Bloc is reported to have met the Prime Minister subsequently i.e., on 26th December, 1970. There is no mention either in that Question or in the relevant Press reports about any memorandum having been presented to P.M. by the aforesaid deputation. Therefore, if approved, I shall write to the Home Ministry (who have taken over the Question from the E.A. Ministry) in terms of 'X' of my note dated 25th March, 1971, at Page 2 ante. That Ministry's attention will also be drawn to the earlier correspondence with Shri Chitta Bosu on the subject.

V.P. Marwaha

(V.P. Marwaha)
27-3-1971

J.S. (II)

Ps (Primal) spoke to me about this case yesterday. I told him that I had seen letters from Shri Chitta Bosu and that they were dealt with properly. I have not seen any memorandum from the Forward Block. Chitta Bosu's letters and the action taken on them can be seen in the folder placed below.

Primal

27371

Ps (Primal) I have a definite recollection that there was a memo re. people going to Taiwan etc. Ministry of E.A. may also be consulted.

McKesham

29371

Ps (S)

29/3

✓ slip L
x slips F and G
Δ of slip E

From pre-page.

I regret troubling J.S.(II) and P.S.(Per.) with this case again. Since the Question has been admitted in the name of H.M. for answer on 1st April, MHA are pressing for an immediate reply to enable them to frame an answer to the Question.

2. I had already consulted E.A. Ministry informally some days ago as to the availability of any material with them having a bearing on the text of the Question. Their reply was in the negative. However, as suggested by P.S.(Per.), I have made a formal reference to them today, requesting them to let us know the position in writing.

✓ Vide his note dated 29.3.71 overleaf

3. As will be noted from the text of the Question which appears at Slip 'A', the M.P. concerned seeks to know specifically whether a deputation of the All India Forward Bloc met P.M. on December 27 (according to the Press reports on December 26), 1970, and whether they requested her to make an official statement if Netaji's name was not on the list of International War Criminals. Shri A.D. Mani further seeks to know what reply P.M. gave to the deputation.

4. P.S.(Per.), to whom I ^{pointedly} consulted on this point over the phone, told me that there was no entry in P.M.'s engagement diary about any interview having been given by P.M. to the aforesaid deputation. I also consulted P.S.(Pub.), who too gave me the same reply. In these circumstances, I propose to write back to the Home Ministry as in the draft U.O. note placed below. J.S. and P.S.(Per.) may please see before this draft issues.

V.P. Marwaha
(V.P. Marwaha)
30-3-1971

P.S.(Per.) M. K. Jesham
30/3

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J.S.(II) Ram Mohan
30/3/71

PS(S) may please see U.O. note to MHA has issued.
long 30/3/71

PS(S)
forward to Shri R. Vasudevan DS, MHA.

8pm
29/3/71

P. S. (S) III

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Political Section

U.O.No.3283/71-Pub.I dated 16.10.71

from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

V F/M
In this letter dated the 22nd September, 1971
Shri R.K. Haldulkar, General Secretary, All India
Forward Bloc, Chhindwara made the following requests:

i) A life-size bronze statue of Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose be installed in front of the
Red Fort at Delhi to commemorate his famous
slogan of "Delhi, Chalo". This is not done the
party will instal his statue in front of the
Red Fort at Delhi at its own initiative &
expenditure.

ii) 23rd January, the Birthday of Netaji and
21st October the foundation day of the
Azad Hind Government in Singapore by Netaji be
declared as National Holidays.

(V.P. Marwaha)
iii) An authentic history of Azad Hind Fouz
and Azad Hind Government be written and
published by the Government of India and it
should be made a text book in all the schools
and colleges.

iv) Netaji's photo must be displayed in all the
Government offices and military establishments.

He threatened that if no reply was received
by them by 21st October, 1971, their party would
launch a movement to achieve their demands.

* F/O
2. The letter was acknowledged and a copy thereof
was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs with
the request to consider the desirability of sending
a suitable reply to Shri Haldulkar.

3. In the 'N.F.C' the Ministry of Home Affairs
have intimated that they are concerned only with
the demand at (iv). They have mentioned that they
have not issued any general instructions in the matter
of display of photographs/portraits of Netaji or any
other national leader in the offices of the Central
Government. It is, therefore, entirely for the
Departments of the Government of India to decide
whether they should at all exhibit any photographs
in office rooms and, if so, of which particular leader.
In doing so, it is for the Head of the Department to
ensure that no controversy arises out of the display
of any portrait. They have indicated that the demands
at (i), (ii) and (iii) concern the Ministry of
Works and Housing, Department of Personnel and the
Ministry of Defence, respectively. They have suggested
that this Secretariat may send a reply themselves to
Shri Haldulkar after ascertaining the position in
respect of various demands from the other concerned
Ministries.

4. Submitted for orders.

SSA
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h.w.
27.10.71

The Home Ministry may be told that the letter
in question has political overtones and, therefore,

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we feel that it can appropriately be dealt with by the Home Ministry in consultation with the other Ministries concerned.

2. In regard to their plea, that "as the letter from the Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, is addressed to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, they may like to send a reply themselves...", the Home Ministry may be told that the letter in question is addressed to the Prime Minister and not to P.M.'s Secretariat. It may be added that a number of letters are addressed to the Prime Minister herself by various organizations/important individuals, and quite a few of them are referred, by this Secretariat, for disposal to the Ministry/other authority concerned. The mere fact that a letter is addressed to the Prime Minister or Prime Minister's Secretariat does not necessarily mean that it should in all cases be dealt with by the Prime Minister's Secretariat themselves.

(V.P. Marwaha)

28-10-71

JS-II

(iv) Detail's photo must be displayed in all the Government offices and military establishments.

2. The letter was acknowledged and a copy thereof was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the request to consider the desirability of sending a suitable reply to Shri Halburkar.

3. In the 'M.F.C.' the Ministry of Home Affairs have intimated that they are concerned only with the demand at (iv). They have mentioned that they have not issued any general instructions in the matter of display of photographs/portraits of Nehru or any other national leader in the offices of the Central Government. It is, therefore, entirely for the Departments of the Government of India to decide whether they should at all exhibit any photographs in office rooms and, if so, of which particular leader in doing so it is for the Head of the Department to ensure that no controversy arises out of the display of any portrait. They have indicated that the demand at (i), (ii) and (iii) concern the Ministry of Works and Housing, Department of Personnel and the Ministry of Defence respectively. They have suggested that this Secretariat may send a reply themselves to Shri Halburkar after ascertaining the position in respect of various demands from the other concerned Ministries.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
PUBLIC (I) SECTION

Reference notes on pre-page.

As already stated in our note dated 13-10-1971, on pre-page, demands contained in the copy of letter enclosed with the F.R. are the concern of various Ministries/Departments namely, Ministry of Works and Housing, Department of Personnel and the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry of Home Affairs are concerned only with one of the items, position in regard to which has been explained in para. 2 of the note on pre-page. As the letter from the Secretary, All India Forward Bloc is addressed to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, they may like to send a reply themselves after ascertaining the position in respect of various items from the other concerned Ministries. Prime Minister's Secretariat may please see.

Sd./-(L.D. Hindi)
U.S.(Pub)

P.M's Sectt.
MHA No. 3288/71-Pub I 16.10.71.

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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The letter in question has political overtones and, therefore, we feel that it can appropriately be dealt with by the Home Ministry in consultation with the other Ministries concerned.

2. As regards 'A' of the Home Ministry's note above it is pointed out that the letter in question is addressed to the Prime Minister and not to P.M's Sectt. A number of letters are addressed to the Prime Minister herself by various organizations/important individuals etc., and quite a few of them are referred to by this Secretariat, for disposal, to the Ministries/other authorities concerned. The mere fact is that a letter is addressed to the Prime Minister or Prime Minister's Secretariat does not necessarily mean that it should in all cases be dealt with by the Prime Minister's Sectt. themselves.

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(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
29-10-71

Min. of Home Affairs (Shri L.D. Hindi, Under Secy.)
P.M's Sectt. U.O. No. 1ms-24228 Dt. 29-10-71

3038-P.M's Sectt.
29-10-71

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Political Section

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2 F.R. Letter No. 24/6/71-Poll.II dated 11.11.71 from
Shri B.K.Goswami, Ministry of Home Affairs.

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Put up with file next week.

Sd/- B.N. Tandon
10.11.71

VF/T (S-1032)
X F/U (S-1033)

In the month of September, 1971, Shri Aniya Nath Bose forwarded to PM a copy of his letter which he had written to Mr. Justice G.D.Khosla. He stated that Mr. Justice Khosla had decided not to visit Taihoku, the place of the alleged air-crash in 1945. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the remarks that P.M. would like to know if there was any good reason for Justice Khosla not visiting the site.

2. In the 'FR' the Ministry of Home Affairs have now intimated that the question of the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taiwan was examined towards the close of 1970 on a suggestion from the Commission itself. The Ministry of External Affairs informed them, after enquiries from our Commission in Hong Kong, that the Taiwan Government were not willing to extend facilities to the Commission unless an official request in that regard was made to them by the Government of India. It was also clarified by that Ministry that the Government of India would not be in a position to take up the matter officially with the Taiwan Government because we do not recognise the Government of Taiwan. They have added that in the circumstances it has not been possible to arrange for Commission's visit to Taiwan.

SSA
16/11

hmar
16-11-71

PS (S)

F. i.

No further action on our part appears to be called for unless Shri Aniya Nath Bose reverts to the subject. P.M. might, however, like to see these papers w.r.t her minute at Slip T.

v.p. marwaha
16-XI

JS II

✓ S.no 42

✓ S.no 42
✓ S.no 43

✓ Some days ago the Ministry of Home Affairs wrote to us saying that in an application made before the Netaji Inquiry Commission Shri Mookiah Thevar of the All India Forward Bloc had suggested that the personal files of the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru about enquiries made by him regarding Netaji might be made available to the Commission. MHA enquired whether any such files are available with us. Since it was not clear what exactly was meant by the 'personal files' of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, we asked the Ministry for a clarification. The reply received from them is placed below. They have clarified that they are interested in any files that may be available with the Prime Minister's Secretariat on the subject of the disappearance of Netaji. These would also include files in which Shri Jawaharlal Nehru had made enquiries while he was the Prime Minister.

2. The files available in this Secretariat on the subject ~~and~~ placed below. There are five volumes, Volumes I & II (placed on the top) containing papers pertaining to Panditji's time. I have gone through these volumes and they do not appear to contain any papers which should be withheld from the Commission. Orders are solicited whether the two volumes may be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Commission have requested that all such papers should be made available to them before the 7th August, 1972. They have, therefore, asked for an early reply.

S.P. Khanna
(S.P. Khanna)
1.8.72

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Ramdas
4.8.72

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The Lok Sabha Secretariat has informed us that Shri Samar Guha has tabled the following Short Notice Question:-

"Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Leaders of most of the Opposition Parties and some Congress Members of Lok Sabha requested the Prime Minister in a joint letter, last May, to take necessary steps to enable the Netaji's Inquiry Commission to visit Formosa to make an on-the-spot inquiry at the Taihoka airport (Tipeh) where Netaji's plane was alleged to have crashed;
- (b) whether the Chairman of the Commission expressed the view that he considered visit to Formosa as "essential" for completing the work of the enquiry;
- (c) whether in that letter Prime Minister was requested to take steps to obviate diplomatic formalities in enabling the Commission to visit Formosa; and
- (d) if so, whether the Prime Minister is considering to agree with the request made in the letter?"

2. The Lok Sabha Secretariat have requested that the facts relating to the Question may be intimated to them and they may be informed whether the Prime Minister is prepared to accept short notice of the Question. There is no urgency about the matter and the Lok Sabha Secretariat may be informed that the Prime Minister is unable to accept short notice.

3. A memorandum from Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao and 31 other M.Ps on the subject was received in this Secretariat and passed on to MOS(P) on 29th May, 1972. Parliament questions relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose are handled by the Ministry of Home Affairs. We may request that Ministry to furnish the facts asked for to the Lok Sabha Secretariat and to accept transfer of the Question, in case it is finally admitted.

Draft below for approval.

S.P. Khanna
(S.P. Khanna)
11.8.1972

JS

Ramulu
11.8.72

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POLITICAL SECTION

U.O. No.C/551/5/72-JP dated 3-10-1972
from the Ministry of External Affairs.

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✓ F/S
The Ministry of External Affairs have forwarded a copy of letter from Prof. Samar Guha, M.P., asking the Foreign Minister to reconsider the question of sending the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taiwan and have asked for a copy of the joint letter submitted to P.M. by leaders of the Opposition parties and some Congress Members of the Lok Sabha.

2. In the month of May, 1972, Shri M. Satyanarayana Rao and 31 other M.Ps. wrote to P.M. about the findings of the Netaji Inquiry Commission and its desire to visit Formosa. The letter was marked by J.S.(II) to M.O.S.(P) and it was forwarded to him under this Secretariat No. PMS-14575 dated the 29th May, 1972. No copy was retained here. Apparently this is the letter which Prof. Guha has referred to in paragraph 3 of his letter.

3. If approved, we may inform the Ministry of External Affairs as in the fair u.o. note placed below for signature.

SSA
11/10

DS(A)

h. a. r. a. y.
11-10-72

M. K. Sharma.
11.10.1972

→ S 1049

The extended term of the Khosla Commission expires at the end of this month. The Commission has asked for a further extension of six months. P.M. may kindly see Home Secretary's note and MOS(P)'s minute below. A further extension of four months, as suggested by the MHA, is unavoidable and may kindly be approved. The Ministry proposes to ask the Commission to complete its work during this extended term.

B. N. Tandon

(B. N. Tandon)
12.12.1972

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P.M.

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Pm (H. N. R. S.)

MEA have enquired whether FM should send a reply on behalf of PM to Shri Samar Guha's letter regarding Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Taiwan or whether PM would like to reply herself.

On the details of the case itself, as well as other considerations, I have no doubt that the reply should go from FM, or in his absence, from the Minister of State. If PM approves, I will note on the file accordingly.

P. N. Dhar
(P.N. Dhar)
9-8-1973

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P.M.

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MEA on 10.8.73

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2/9/73
PM

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JS may like to see the two communications received from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs at F.Rs. I & II. Shri Samar Guha, MP, in his letter to PM dated July 25, 1973 (of which we had forwarded copies to Minister of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs) had sought to make out that the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taipei was circumscribed and its efforts rendered infructuous because of inhibiting instructions issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. The record note of discussion between the External Affairs Ministry and Justice G.D. Khosla and Shri Swaran Singh's letter to Shri Samar Guha effectively contradict this erroneous impression.

It clearly shows that the Commission did not experience any difficulty in Taiwan, as stated by Shri Guha.

N. S. Sreeraman

(N.S. Sreeraman)
17.8.1973

JS-II

May kindly see for information. The Foreign Minister has sent a detailed reply to Sri Samar Guha with reference to his letter to PM of 25th July written to PM

Lawrence G.
17.8.73

PM

Shri Guha's main complaint was that because of instructions from NEA, the commission could not take the assistance of the port of Taiwan.

my 17.8.73

JS (M)

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POLITICAL SECTION

✓ 81 No 50

A letter dated the 23rd December, 1972 was received from Prof. Samar Guha, M.P. wherein he had drawn PM's attention towards the following two points in connection with the problems faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission:-

- (i) Documents not supplied by the Home Department of the Central Government to the Commission.
- (ii) Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Formosa.

PM had observed as to what was the difficulty for agreeing to these points. A reference made to the Ministry of Home Affairs and their comments called for.

81 No 51
81 No 73

A reply received from the Ministry of Home Affairs is placed below. They have also enclosed a copy of a reply sent to Prof. Samar Guha by MOS(P). It is stated that the Netaji Inquiry Commission have already undertaken a visit to Formosa during July 1973. As regards supply of documents to the Commission, Prof. Guha has been informed that all the documents that were supplied to the Shah Nawaz Committee earlier have been made available to the present Commission. Additional documents required by the Commission, have also been supplied to them so far as the Government could secure them at this distant time. Prof. Guha has further been told that information received from our Embassy is that the documents belonging to the Japanese Military Headquarters and the Government of Japan have probably been destroyed.

Submitted for information.

PS(15)

W. S. Guha
3-10-73

Since MOS(P) has sent a reply to Shri Samar Guha, no further action is necessary. JS(11) may see for information. PM need not be troubled.

W. S. Guha
9/10/73

JS(11)
Kamraj
11.10.73

W. S. Guha
12/10/73
Polk

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PM
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✓ Sm44

From pre-page

In the month of August, 1972 we sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Volumes I & II of our File No. 2/64/56-PM regarding Netaji and they have not so far been received back.

2. We have now received a further communication from the Ministry of Home Affairs in which they have stated that the following four files are urgently required by the Netaji Inquiry Commission:-

- (1) No. 23(156)/51-PM
- (2) No. 23(11)/56-57-PM
- (3) No. 12(226)/56-PM
- (4) No. 2(67)/56-62-PM — 2 volumes.

The reading of evidence is going to close on 20-11-73 and regular argument will commence from 5th of December, 1973. They have requested that the files in question be handed over to Shri Gulati, who has been deputed by the Commission for this purpose, under intimation to them.

3. The files, excepting File at Sl.No.(3) which has since been destroyed, are placed below.

Submitted for orders.

SSA

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Wanay
20.11.73.

PS(5)

I have gone through the papers on these files somewhat hurriedly. They deal with two matters:

- 1) Disposal of certain properties of the INA in the far East, including the so-called INA treasure — it was considered that some of these articles could be evidence of the air crash.
- 2) Maintenance remittances for the widow and daughter of Netaji Subhas Bose and miscellaneous correspondence regarding them.

There appears to be no paper on the files which need be withheld from the Commission. D.S.(A) and G.S.(11) may see before the files are handed over to the Commission's representative, as desired by Home Ministry. R. S. Sharma

D.S.(A)

J.S.(11)

Kanwar Singh
20/11/73

P.D. Khanna

20.11.1973

20/11/73

P.M. has seen the letter below from Shri Samar Guha about the Netaji Inquiry Commission. Among other things, he has mentioned that the Prime Minister's Secretariat file produced before the Commission is not complete and many of the reports and letters are missing or have been destroyed; many pages of the file are missing; it does not contain the most vital letter which was known to have been sent by Netaji from Manchuria through the Embassy in 1946 and a letter from General Chiang-Kai-Sheikh which had been sent to Panditji was also not on the file.

2. At the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the file was sent to them for being produced before the Commission. It has not been received ^{back} so far but the position is that in accordance with the standing instructions relating to the recording of files, papers which were of a routine or non-essential nature were destroyed before the file was recorded. In any case, one thing is absolutely clear - no paper was destroyed after the file had been requisitioned by the Commission. It need hardly be mentioned that the Prime Minister's Secretariat came into being in 1947 and so the file could not have contained the papers relating to earlier dates.

3. The letter also mentions about the attitude of the Chairman of the Commission. It is stated that he accepted a Government assignment to write a biography of the Prime Minister and also brought a present for P.M. while returning from Formosa "thus creating a situation of embarrassment, if not to the Commission, but at least to the Prime Minister".

4. It is also stated in the letter that certain documents have either not been produced before the Commission or were produced late. It also casts reflection on the attitude of the Commission's counsel.

5. The Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned with the matter and a copy of the letter may be forwarded to it for such action as may be considered appropriate.

S.P. Khanna
(S.P. Khanna)
29.12.1973

JS/II

PM may kindly see

Kamini Sr.
30.12.73

PM

→ Sam. 80.1.81

Has 15 Nehru Memorial
for such - letter?

It was not a part
assignment - As his
special request, saw
me or to him.
Has Shri Khosla
given me - present?

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Reference P.M.'s query on Prof. Samar Guha's letter placed below.

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2. The earlier letter from Prof. Samar Guha was submitted to P.M. with Shri S.P. Khanna's note at flag 'A'. P.M. saw this on 31st December. Thereafter a copy of this letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs which is concerned with the matter, with a request that a suitable reply should be sent to Prof. Samar Guha.*

⊗ (It is not necessary to give this detail in reply to Prof Guha)

3. In his present letter Prof. Samar Guha has said that a particular file, which was very important, has been destroyed. Obviously, Prof. Guha considers this file to be important in view of its subject heading "Investigation into circumstances leading to the death of Subhash Chandra Bose". I am told that this file contained only copies of Cabinet notes and other connected papers, which are available on other files. It was, therefore, destroyed in accordance with standing instructions in this regard. The originals of all these documents are available in other files which have been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs for being furnished to the Commission. Thus, it can be safely stated that no important paper in connection with Netaji's death has been destroyed by our Secretariat.

A draft reply is submitted for consideration.

Ramdas
(B.N. Tandon) 874
8.1.74

P.M.

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→ S.no 84885

In a letter dated 21st December, 1973 to the Prime Minister from Shri Samar Guha, MP, has stated, inter alia, as follows:

'The Chairman of the (Netaji Enquiry) Commission was found to bring a present for the Prime Minister while returning from Formosa.'

The Prime Minister desires to know whether Shri G.D. Khosla gave any such present to her.

S.P. Khanna
(S.P. Khanna)
1.1.1974

PS(Per.)

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11/1/74

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A.C.

Yes, something was handed over to P.M.

AC.
17.1.74

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J.S. (H)

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Ramdas

21.1.74

Secretary

A.K. Khan

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POLITICAL SECTION

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Endorsement No.F.18/5/74-Poll.II dated
21.2.1974 from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs have forwarded a copy of the Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy.No.3424 for 28.2.1974 and have asked for necessary material for answering the question.

cf sm75

2. In this connection attention is invited to para 2 of our notes at p-23. Our other old Files about Netaji have been sent to the Netaji Enquiry Commission. We have no material relevant to the question. The Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, who was requested to let us know whether two letters ((i) a letter said to have been sent by Netaji in 1946 to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and (ii) a letter sent by General Chiong-Kai Sheikh to Panditji) were available in the Library, informed that they were not available there.

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3. If approved, we may draw the attention of the Ministry of Home Affairs to our u.o. note dated the 5th January, 1974 and inform them that we have no material on the subject.

SSA
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W. S. Mani
23.2.74

PS/S

JS (11) may kindly see before we
reply to the Ministry of Home Affairs as
proposed above.

A. S. Mani
23/2/74

JS (11)

Ramachandra
23/2/74

→ S.no 88

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Political Section

U.O.No.27/27/71-Poll.(D-III) dated
10.6.74 from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Note on prepage will recall this case.

We had requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to look into the points raised by Shri Guha and to send him a suitable reply under intimation to us. From the F.R. it will be seen that the Home Minister has sent a reply to Shri Guha on 4.5.74. He has informed the M.P. that every effort was made to secure the documents from all sources including foreign countries and all the documents that could be secured were supplied to the Commission without delay. Further, the position in regard to documents which could not be secured because of non-availability, had been explained to the Commission in different affidavits filed from time to time. As regards Shri Guha's criticism of the conduct of the Government counsel and the attitude of the Chairman, Home Minister has stated that the Government counsel passed away in December 1973 and as the Commission's enquiry is over, Government do not propose to take any further action in this regard at this stage.

Submitted for information.

4/7/74

Wardens
4-7-74.

DS(A)

B. K. Khanna
4.7.1974

J.S.(III)

Wardens
4.7.74

24.2.74
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When the Report of the Khosla Commission was being presented to Parliament, Shri Samar Guha made an allegation that Justice Khosla had given me a gift and therefore I was kindly disposed towards him. This matter has been bothering me since. I did not remember the gift and yet there was some faint recollection. I did not feel sure enough of my memory to contradict Shri Samar Guha about it on the floor of the House.

2. I have been trying to contact Justice Khosla all these weeks. He has just returned from Manali and I immediately questioned him about the gift. He says he has not given me anything except once a basket of apples from his orchard. However, on his return from Korea, he brought me a tiny lamp ^{which was presented to me by} from the Indian community. This lamp was given at a meeting of 40 people in the presence of Shri Samar Guha with the usual speeches etc.

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20. 9. 1974.

J.S. (II)

PM may recall that Sri Samar Guha had written to her about this gift in December 1973 also. On making enquiry, Mrs. Krishna wrote "yes, something was handed over to PM". In reply, this fact was, therefore, not contradicted. It is now clear what this "something" was.

PM may wish to write to the Speaker. A draft is submitted for consideration.

PM

Kannan
21.9.74

Pl. we have the proceedings to A.

From 20924

Please see F/S below.

21.9.74

J.S. II

21.9.74

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L.S. Debate 5-8-74

CORRESPONDENCE

S.No. 1/10

MOST IMMEDIATE

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

No. RS.SQD/100.3460 /Lxxiv / 70-Q

Parliament House,
New Delhi

The 27 - 10 - 1970

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No. 3460
regarding Khasia Commission probe regarding disappearance of
Netaji

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the Question referred to above, notice of which has been given by Shri Chitra Basu, M.P. under rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, and to request that factual information with regard to the Question may kindly be furnished to this Secretariat with particular reference to the following points:-

- (i) whether the question or parts thereof are covered by answer given to previous questions in the Rajya Sabha;
- (ii) whether the required information has previously been supplied to the Rajya Sabha in the form of statements laid on the Table of the House or otherwise;
- (iii) whether the information asked for can be obtained from any published documents;
- (iv) whether the question relates to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India;
- (v) whether it seeks information about matters which are in their nature secret;
- (vi) whether it asks for information on a matter which is under adjudication by a Court of Law having jurisdiction in any part of India.

The information may kindly be supplied to this Secretariat as early as possible.

(P.K. Das)
Under Secretary
(Tele.No. 381840)

To

The Ministry of Prime Minister's Secretariat
(Shri B.L. Comar)

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Section for necessary

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B.L. Comar

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PRIME MINISTER'S Sectt.

26.11.70

* SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the ^{Prime} Minister ~~of~~ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khosla Commission, now at work to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji, has the operational capacity at international level; and

(b) if not, whether the Government proposes to give the Commission that ^{power} ~~however~~ and authority ~~in~~ so as to enable it to discharge its responsibilities.

Maybe transferred to MHA.
20 March
30/10/70

JST

Kanwar Singh

30.10.70

S.No. 2

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. *pus-24758*

October 30, 1970.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Starred Question Dy.No.3460 by Shri Chitta Basu, regarding Khosla Commission Probe about disappearance of Netaji -

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the question noted above, together with a copy of their O.M. No.RS.SD/3460/Lxxiv/70-0 dated 27th October 1970 from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, with the request that the Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly take over the question and furnish facts to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, under intimation to this Secretariat.

sd/
(V.P.Marwaha)
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister.

To:

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy to:-

1. Rajya Sabha Secretariat
(Shri P.K.Das, U.S.)
2. Parl. Section, P.M.'s Sectt.

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(V.P.Marwaha)
P.S. to the Prime Minister

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

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pms - 25307

6th November, 1970

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

subject: Starred question Dy. No. 3460 by
Shri Chitta Basu, regarding Khosla
Commission probe about disappearance
of Netaji.

The undersigned is directed to refer to
this Secretariat u.o. No. PMS-24758 dated the 30th
October, 1970, on the above-mentioned subject, and
to request that the acceptance of the taking over of
that question from the Prime Minister's Secretariat
may kindly be expedited and the facts furnished to
Rajya Sabha Secretariat, under intimation to this
Secretariat.

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(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

गृह मन्त्रालय । New Delhi-1 dt. 10.11.70

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

कार्यालय-ज्ञापन ।

Subject:- Starred Question Dy.NO. 3460 by Shri Chitta Basu, regarding Khosla Commission Probe about disappearance of Netaji.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the Rajya Sabha Sectt. O.M.NO. RS.SQD/3460/Lxxiv/70-Q dated 27th October, 1970 on the above subject and to say that the Netaji Inquiry Commission can record and collect evidence in foreign countries also about the circumstances leading to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith. The Commission propose to visit Japan and a few other countries in the Far East for the purpose. It is not clear what is meant in the question by "Operational capacity at international level".

The above facts may be brought to the notice of the Chairman to enable him to decide the admissibility of the question.

(R. VASUDEVAN)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

To

The Rajya Sabha Sectt.
New Delhi.

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✓ Copy for information to the Prime Minister's
Sectt. w.v.t. their O.M.NO. PMS/24758 dated
30/10/70.

[Signature]

(R. VASUDEVAN)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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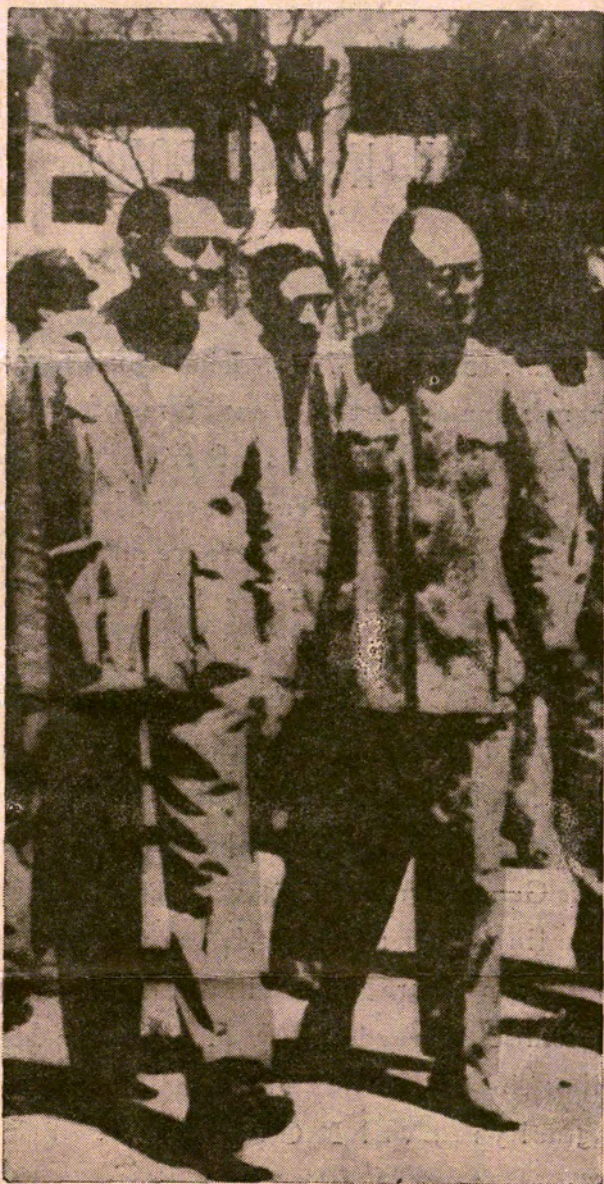
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NETAJI IS ALIVE



PEKING 1952

PHIZO JUST BEHIND NETAJI

Phizo declared in a statement that he met
Netaji in Peking in 1952

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NETAJI IN CAMBODIA

Kualampur, 15th May '70—Michael Joseph, Press Reporter of one of the ten client States of America engaged to collect the news of fresh escalating War in Cambodia who recently met at Jakarta in a so-called Asia and Pacific Conference on Cambodia Stated that former U.S. Defence Secretary, Clark Clifford described that among the mighty armies of Viet Cong in Cambodian border, one complete division of Asian Liberation Army fighting there under the inspired leadership of a superman brain, and some of the missing General of World War II and these General are holding very key positions and guide line of Viet Cong. ALA and NDLF on a persistent pressure Mr. Clifford emphatically refused to disclose the identity of that superman with all of these Generals. The above statement was originally in EVENING POST.

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HINDUSTHAN STANDARD

NETAJI'S "DEATH"

Centre challenged to conduct fresh probe

From Our Patna Office

JANUARY 7,—Mr. S. M. Goswami, who had undertaken world tour for three times in pursuit of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, challenged the Central Government to accede to the request of 350 MPs who urged the Government to conduct a thorough probe afresh into the "alleged death" of Netaji.

Mr. Goswami, who was here on a short visit, is a writer of several books, on Netaji. Some year back, he also created some sensation by publishing Netaji's photographs with Chinese Officials in Indian newspapers. He was also a former Special Officer in Anti-corruption Department of the West Bengal Government.

In a Press statement, Mr. Goswami said that he was sure that Mrs. Gandhi like Mr. Nehru would not accede to the demand for a fresh probe in the "so called" death of Netaji. He said that both of them knew quite well that Netaji was alive and that explained their reluctance for holding an impartial inquiry. Mr. Goswami said that he knew where Netaji was and if Mrs. Gandhi was sincere about the inquiry, he was ready to take Parliamentary delegation to the country where Netaji was engaged in a life and death struggle for helping a small country which was now a victim of American aggression.

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U. S. A. CONTRADICTS

29th Aug 1945.

New Delhi 29th Aug -- (A. P)

An American correspondent asked Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru about his mental reaction on Subhas Chandra Bose's activities. The correspondent emphasized that Subhas Chandra Bose was not dead. He was alive and probably at Saigon

He however went on holding that Subhas Chandra Bose ought to be treated as a war-criminal, as his men had caused murder to many American and he himself had forcibly extracted money from the poor in Malay and Burma.

AIR CRASH A MYTH

"London, 2nd Sept. (Reuter)—Sunday. "Observer's correspondent at New Delhi declares that war councils—both British and American,—attach little credence to the Japanese news that Shri Bose has been killed in an air accident, U. S. A. has strongly resented the request made to Jawaharlal Nehru for releasing a condolatory message in honour of Shri Bose and asserted that Shri Bose should be tried as a war criminal and there were enough evidences to show that Shri Bose was found in Saigon even some days after the Japanese Radio announced his death to the world".

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सत्यमेव जयते

INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR THE REVERSAL OF THE TOKYO VERDICT

Convenor :

PROFESSOR M. L. SONDHI
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT — LOK SABHA

6, LODI GARDENS,
NEW DELHI-3
INDIA

November 11, 1970.

Dear Honourable Member, and Prime Minister,

In the context of the Khosla Commission (Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970)) I have to draw your attention to a related matter which is that the verdict of the Tokyo Trial vis-a-vis Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in international law may be construed to establish his indictment with General Tojo and others who were declared to be war-criminals.

There is clearly an obligation on the Government of India if it is serious and sincere in setting up the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) to first of all declare that the Tokyo Verdict is rejected by India and to simultaneously take steps to internationally secure the reversal of the Tokyo Verdict.

In the absence of the reversal of the Tokyo Verdict the work of the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) must remain farcical. The matter therefore assumes urgency.

I trust you will signify your approval to supporting the Indian Parliamentary Group for the Reversal of the Tokyo Verdict which will secure the following objectives:

- (1) Establish beyond a shadow of doubt that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's role in South East Asia was the highest manifestation of the universal ideals of freedom and human rights.
- (2) Clear the way for a fruitful and constructive enquiry which Members of Parliament have continuously demanded.

M.L.S.
17/11

J.S.(H)

Ack. & send a
copy to Is(Pol) D.H.A.
for n.a. by
19/11/70
P.S.(S)

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INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR THE REVERSAL OF THE TOKYO VERDICT

1, LODI GARDENS,
NEW DELHI-3
INDIA

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PROFESSOR M. L. SONDHI
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - LOK SABHA

(3) Give full value to the dissenting judgement of the renowned Indian Judge Radha Binod Pal.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly give thought and deliberation to the issues involved and I am confident that you will be led to such conclusions as will enable our Parliament to proclaim the fair name of Netaji in Asia and in the whole world without the impediment which follows from the grave Injustice of the Tokyo Trial.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. L. Sondhi

(M. L. SONDHI)

Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister,
1, Safdarjang Road,
New Delhi.

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No 2 (64) recd

November 19, 1970.

Dear Sir,

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I am desirous to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 11th November, 1970, to the Prime Minister, regarding the Tokyo Trial vis-a-vis Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Yours faithfully,

sd/

(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister

Prof. M.L. Sondhi, MP
6-Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi.

Copy with a copy of letter under acknowledgement forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Jt. Secy. Pol.) for appropriate action.

sd/

(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

भारत सरकार

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्रालय

NEW DELHI-1, the

OFFICE MEMORANDUM 29 November, 1970.

कार्यालय-ज्ञापन

6 Agrahayana, 1892.

Subject:- Starred Question Dy. No. 7977 for
2.12.70 regarding Disappearance of
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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The undersigned is directed to send
herewith a copy of Lok Sabha Secretariat U.O.
No. SQ.7977/2.12.70-8, dated the 18th November,
1970 on the above subject together with a copy
of Provisional Starred Question Dy. No.7977 for
2.12.70, and to request that in so far as part (b)
of the Question is concerned, available information
may kindly be supplied to this Ministry at an
early date.

(T. R. AGNANI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

To

The Prime Minister's Secretariat,
NEW DELHI.

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V.K. AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE

Section Officer,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

(Question Branch)

SUBJECT: Starred Question Dy. No. 7977 for 2.12.70
regarding Disappearance of Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose.

Ministry of HOME AFFAIRS is requested kindly
to state the facts regarding the above question (copy
enclosed) with a view to enable the Speaker to decide
the admissibility of the question.

While furnishing the facts, it may please be
stated whether the note has been shown to the Minister.
In the absence of any indication to this effect, it
will be assumed that it has been issued with the
approval of the Officer who has signed it.

It may also please be stated whether the
Ministry have any objection to the information
contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

A reply is requested by 20.11.70.

Sd/-
for UNDER SECRETARY.

Ministry of HOME AFFAIRS
L.S.S. U.O. No; SQ. 7977/2.12.70-8, dated the 18.11.70.

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA

D. No. 7977

O.P.I.

Ministry to which the day has
been allotted :

HOME AFFAIRS.

The question will be put down for
the sitting on the :-

2.12.70.

DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to
state:

(a) whether attention of the Prime Minister has
been drawn to a cryptic note issued by the soviet
Embassy in New Delhi during the first week of November,
1970 about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in which it
has been stated that "Russia had no responsibility
with the fate of Subhas Chandra Bose";

(b) if so, whether the note was the outcome of
Prime Minister's talks with Mr. Kosygin, ~~Russian~~ Premier of
Russia about Netaji during her last meeting with the
latter;

(c) if not, the reaction of Government to the
laconic note issued by the Soviet Embassy on the
"fate" of Netaji;

(d) whether Government sought further clarification
from the Soviet Government in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reason thereof?

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

November 30, 1970.

Lu. 27429

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Starred Question Dy.No.7977 for
2.12.70, regarding disappearance
of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

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With reference to the Ministry
of Home Affairs' OM No.18/66/70-LL-II,
dated 27.11.70, on the subject noted
above, the undersigned is directed to say
that this Secretariat have no information
to furnish in regard to part (b) of the
Question.

#30/11
(V.P. Marwaha)

Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary)

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NETAJI IS ALIVE



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NETAJI IN CAMBODIA

Kualampur, 15th May '70—Michael Joseph. Press Reporter of one of the ten client States of America engaged to collect the news of fresh escalating War in Cambodia who recently met at Jakarta in a so-called Asia and Pacific Conference on Cambodia Stated that former U.S. Defence Secretary, Clark Clifford described that among the mighty armies of Viet Cong in Cambodian border, one complete division of Asian Liberation Army fighting there under the inspired leadership of a superman brain, and some of the missing General of World War II and these General are holding very key positions and guide line of Viet Cong. ALA and NDLF on a persistent pressure Mr. Clifford emphatically refused to disclose the identity of that superman with all of these Generals. The above statement was originally in EVENING POST.

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HINDUSTHAN STANDARD

NETAJI'S "DEATH"

Centre challenged to conduct fresh probe

From Our Patna Office

JANUARY 7,—Mr. S. M. Goswami, who had undertaken world tour for three times in pursuit of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, challenged the Central Government to accede to the request of 350 MPs who urged the Government to conduct a thorough probe afresh into the "alleged death" of Netaji.

Mr. Goswami, who was here on a short visit, is a writer of several books, on Netaji. Some year back, he also created some sensation by publishing Netaji's photographs with Chinese Officials in Indian newspapers. He was also a former Special Officer in Anti corruption Department of the West Bengal Government.

In a Press statement, Mr. Goswami said that he was sure that Mrs. Gandhi like Mr. Nehru would not accede to the demand for a fresh probe in the "so called" death of Netaji. He said that both of them knew quite well that Netaji was alive and that explained their reluctance for holding an impartial inquiry. Mr. Goswami said that he knew where Netaji was and if Mrs. Gandhi was sincere about the inquiry, he was ready to take Parliamentary delegation to the country where Netaji was engaged in a life and death struggle for helping a small country which was now a victim of American aggression.

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U. S. A. CONTRADICTS

29th Aug 1945.

New Delhi 29th Aug — (A. P.)

An American correspondent asked Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru about his mental reaction on Subhas Chandra Bose's activities. The correspondent emphasized that Subhas Chandra Bose was not dead. He was alive and probably at Saigon.

He however went on holding that Subhas Chandra Bose ought to be treated as a war-criminal, as his men had caused murder to many American and he himself had forcibly extracted money from the poor in Malay and Burma.

AIR CRASH A MYTH

"London, 2nd Sept. (Reuter)—Sunday "Observer's correspondent at New Delhi declares that war councils—both British and American,—attach little credence to the Japanese news that Shri Bose has been killed in an air accident, U. S. A. has strongly resented the request made to Jawaharlal Nehru for releasing a condolatory message in honour of Shri Bose and asserted that Shri Bose should be tried as a war criminal and there were enough evidences to show that Shri Bose was found in Saigon even some days after the Japanese Radio announced his death to the world".

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Prime Minister's Secretariat
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The attached letter dated the 21st November, 1971 (with its enclosures) from Shri A.C. Sarkar, Akhand Bharat Sabha, Delhi, regarding Shah Nawaz Report about Netaji, is forwarded herewith for such action as is considered appropriate.

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(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

SSA d/c

Ministry of Home Affairs
P.M's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/71-PM dt.

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[Handwritten signature]

Chitta Basu
Member of Parliament
(Rajya Sabha)

S.No. 123

Most Immediate ⁽²³⁾ ⁽¹⁸⁾

88, North Avenue,
New Delhi-1

March 27, 1971

Dear Prime Minister,

The Netaji Inquiry Commission (Khosla Commission) has decided to visit Japan and they are scheduled to leave for Tokyo on the 28th March 1971.

Legal Counsels along with some representatives of our party, who have all along been present during the proceedings of the Commission in different places in the country, are also willing to visit Japan and remain present during the inquiry conducted by the Commission in Japan.

You would appreciate that it is not possible to complete all the preparations for the same including the arrangements for Passports, Visas, foreign exchanges etc. during this short period.

It is therefore requested that either the visit of the Commission be postponed or immediate arrangements be made for the completion of all arrangements for their travel to Japan so as to enable them to be present during the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

sd/- Chitta Basu

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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S.No. 14

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S. No 13

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No. 66-PMO/71

New Delhi,
March 30, 1971

Dear Shri Basu,

sl no 13 (copy)

I have your letter of the 27th March. The Ministries concerned have been asked to give the necessary assistance to the representatives of your party who want to visit Japan in connection with this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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(Indira Gandhi)

Shri Chitta Basu, M.P.,
88, North Avenue,
New Delhi-1

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Ministry of Home Affairs

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J.S. to P.M. may kindly see with reference to F.R.I. A draft reply is submitted for consideration.

Sd/- R.Vasudevan
Deputy Secy.
29.3.71

J.S. to P.M. (Shri B.N. Tandon)
MHA u.o.No.24/16/71-Poll.II dt. 29.3.71

Sl. no. 14
A copy of P.M.'s letter to Sri Basu is placed on the file.

Sd/- B.N. Tandon
30.3.71

MHA, Shri R.Vasudevan, Dy. Secy.

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S.No. 15
Chitta Basu
Member of Parliament
(Rajaya Sabha)

(26) (21)
88, North Avenue,
New Delhi-1
November 2, 1970

Dear Prime Minister,

We expressed our satisfaction when the Government announced the constitution of the one-man Netaji Inquiry Commission.

The constitution of the Commission has vindicated the stand taken by the Forward Bloc that the findings of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry committee were no indisputable and further probe into the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji was necessary.

The works of the Commission are in progress. I think you are aware that certain important and revealing informations which concern a number of foreign countries have come out in course of the deposition of witnesses, already heard. Many might be forthcoming with the progress of the Commission's works.

These apart, our party is convinced that the Governments of united Kingdom, the United States of America, USSR, Japan and Taiwan have in their possession important documentations which are vitally required to find the clue of the mystery and to ascertain the whole truth about the disappearance of Netaji. The Commission, as is constituted, it is believed, cannot secure those documentations at their disposal.

It is also an incontrovertible fact that the Government of India have intelligence reports about Netaji and his activities during the period of 1941-45. We feel that those reports are also to be made available to the Commission.

It is also believed that Genl. Mac Arthur prepared a report about the whole episode of I.N.A. and their activities which contains important clues. Lord Mountbatten played an important role in the War in that region, during the period who it is believed, submitted comprehensive reports about Netaji to the then Government of India and U.K. The Commission cannot also secure this.

It would not be possible for the Commission to bring to light all the matters relating to the disappearance of Netaji, if those materials, amongst others, are not made available to it despite its honest and sincere intention to ascertain the whole truth about it.

In view of these, our party requests you to approach the United Nations to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the whole matter and ascertain the whole truth about it.

I hope you would give careful consideration to this.
With best regards,

Yours sincerely,
sd/
(Chitta Basu)

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

SECRET/IMMEDIATES.No-16
S.No-17New Delhi-1
16th November 1970

JOINT SECRETARY

Dear Shri Kaul,

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the prime Minister by Shri Chitta Basu, MP, regarding the Netaji Inquiry Commission. The letter speaks for itself. Prime Minister Has minuted as follows:

"If the Commission thinks it necessary, the Government should try through its Missions and its P.R. at U.N. to get all such information from other Governments and persons."

2. I am desired to request that you may kindly have it ascertained whether the documents mentioned by Shri Chitta Basu, MP, in his letter dated November 2, 1970, are really available and also advise whether, as suggested, the United Nations should be approached to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the matter.

Yours sincerely,

sd/

(T.C.A. Srinivesavaradan).

Shri T.N. Kaul,
Secretary (Foreign),
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

S.No. 17

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R. Vasudevan,
Deputy Secretary.

D.O.No.F.25/48/70-poll-II
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dated: 18.11.1970

Dear Shri Dass,

✓ I am desired to enclose a copy of the letter addressed to the prime Minister by Shri Chitta Basu, M.P. and to request that the considered views of the Commission may kindly be forwarded to us. The Ministry of External Affairs will be requested to assist in securing such documents as are considered relevant by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- R. Vasudevan

Shri B.K. Dass,
Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Chitta Basu
Member of Parliament
(Rajya Sabha)

8. No. 19
S. No. 16

88, North Avenue,
New Delhi-1
November 20, 1970

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Dear Prime Minister,

This is to remind you of my letter dated the 2nd
November 1970 in connection with the Netaji Inquiry
Commission which has not yet been replied to.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(Chitta Basu)

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

SC No 20

Government of India
Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970)
Second Floor, Reserve Bank
Building
Parliament Street, New Delhi-1

November 26, 1970.

My dear Vasudevan,

SC No 18

Please refer to your D.O. No.25/48/70-Poll.II dated 18-11-70 with which you have sent me a copy of a letter addressed to the P.M. by Shri Chitta Basu, M.P.

2. I am desired to inform you that as and when the Commission comes to know of any document or as and when any witness satisfies the Commission about the existence of any relevant document either with the Government of India or with any foreign Government the Commission will trace that document and make requests to appropriate quarters for its production, for the purpose of this inquiry.

3. The Commission has no other comments to offer on the various suggestions made by Shri Chitta Basu.

Yours sincerely,

sd/

(D.K. Das)

Shri R. Vasudevan,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

S.No-20

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No.1253-PMO/70

New Delhi,
November 28, 1970.

Dear Shri Basu,

Sp. No. 16

I have received your letter of 2nd November regarding the collection of evidence for the Netaji Inquiry Commission. Your suggestions are being considered in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Commission.

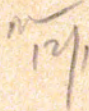
Yours sincerely,


(Indira Gandhi)

Shri Chitta Basu, MP,
88 North Avenue,
New Delhi-1

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SECRET

V.V. Paranipe,
Director(EA)

(27/32)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi-11

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S.No 21

January 30, 1971

No.C/551/8/70.JP

Dear Shri Srinivasavaradan, *Sl. No 17*

Please refer to your letter No.25/48/70-Poll.II dated November 18, 1970 addressed to the Foreign Secretary, regarding Shri Chitta Basu's letter on the subject of Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We have addressed our Missions in U.K., USA, USSR and Japan on the points raised by Mr. Basu in his letter of November 2, and if any material is available, we have asked our Missions to make it available to us for the use of the Commission.

3. For obvious reasons, we cannot write to Taiwan authorities.

4. As regards Mr. Basu's suggestion that the United Nations should be approached to constitute an international inquiry commission, this Ministry does not feel that UN Commission is possible, practicable or desirable. We would, therefore, advise against the suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(V.V. Paranipe)

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Most Immediate
Parliament Question
By Special Messenger

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred question D. No.35 for
31.3.1971 regarding "Whether Netaji's
name was on the list of international
war criminals".

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Prime Minister's Secretariat may please
refer to the above mentioned Rajya Sabha starred
question (copy enclosed) and let this Ministry have
material for answer.

In this connection two excerpts from newspaper
reports are also enclosed.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

✓ Prim Minister's Secretariat (Mr. Marwah)
MEA u.o. No. C/125/JP dt.20.3.1971

Copy forwarded to Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Shri T.R. Agnani, US) New Delhi for information.

sd/-
(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (J)

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Question for the Rajya Sabha-Advance Notice

Starred D.No.35

Ministry to which the day has been
allotted: External Affairs

The question will, if admitted be
put down for the sitting on the

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*Shri A.D. Mani: Will the Minister of External
Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a deputation of the All India Forward Bloc met Mrs. Gandhi on December 27 asking her to make an official statement whether Netaji's name was not on the list of international war criminals; and
- (b) what reply did the Prime Minister give to this deputation?

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INDIAN EXPRESS NEW DELHI.
Dated 27.12.70.

PM's statement on Netaji urged
NEW DELHI, Dec 26 (UNI)

A deputation of the All-India Forward Block led by its Chairman, Mr. Hemanta Kumar Bose, met the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and urged her to issue a statement saying that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not enlisted as a war criminal.

It also urged for making available to the Netaji Inquiry Commission headed by the former Punjab Chief Justice, Mr. G.D.Khosla, all documents relating to the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

It also ~~urged~~ asked the Government to see to it that the documents related to the disappearance of Netaji, now lying with the Governments of United Kingdom, United States, Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Burma be made available to the Commission.

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Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 27/12/70

PM urged to confirm Netaji is
not in war criminals' list

From our Delhi Office
Dec. 26

A deputation on behalf of the All-India Forward Bloc, headed by Mr. Hemanta Basu Chairman and including Messrs R.K.Haldulkar, General Secretary and others met Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi this morning and urged upon her to issue a statement that Netaji's name did not figure in the list of war criminals.

The deputationists pointed out Mr. Khosla ex-Chief Justice Punjab High Court, who is now presiding over the Netaji Enquiry Commission, had already announced that Netaji's name was not in the list of the war criminals.

The deputationists also urged that unless Government of India referred all assistance as to the production of documents regarding disappearance of Netaji and other documents in relation to his stay abroad, real truth would not be established.

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Question for the Rajya Sabha-Advance Notice

Starred D.No. 35

Ministry to which the day has been
allotted; External Affairs

The question will, if admitted be
put down for the sitting of the

31.3.71

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Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a deputation of the All India Forward Bloc
met Mrs. Gandhi on December 27 asking her to make
an official statement whether Netaji's name was not
on the list of international war criminals; and
(b) what reply did the prime Minister give to this
deputation?

*Our records
have been checked
up. We do not
appear to have
any paper on
the subject. We
have also no
information
in regard to
meeting of such
a deputation with
PM.*

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public sections may please see and let us know whether
they have got any papers on the subject. *This information is to be
supplied to MHA.*

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Question for the Rajya Sabha-Advance Notice

starred D.No. 35

Ministry to which the day has been
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(b) what reply did the Prime Minister give to this
deputation?

PLITICAL SECTION

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Public Sections may please see and let us know, whether
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This information is to
be supplied to MEB.

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The records have been looked up but
the communication referred to above does not appear to have
been received in this Section.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question D.No. 182
(originally registered as Starred Question
D.No. 35), by Shri A.D. Mani, admitted
for answer on 1.4.71, seeking to know
whether Netaji's name was on the list of
International War Criminals.

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Will the Ministry of External Affairs kindly
refer to their U.O. No. C/125/1/71-JP dated 20th
March, 1971, calling for facts pertaining to the
Question noted above?

2. As the Ministry of External Affairs are
aware, the aforesaid Question has since been taken
over by the Ministry of Home Affairs and has been
finally admitted for answer on 1.4.1971. We are
furnishing the Home Ministry with the information
on the subject available with us. We shall, however,
be grateful to know whether any memorandum or letter
pertaining to the subject matter of the Question
was received by the E.A. Ministry from the All India
Forward Bloc, and, if so, what action was taken
thereon.

3. As already stated above, this Question stands
admitted for answer on 1.4.1971. This Secretariat
will, therefore, appreciate if a reply to our query
is kindly sent ~~to us~~ immediately. It is further
requested that any relevant material which might be
available with the E.A. Ministry may please be sent
to the Ministry of Home Affairs urgently to enable
them to frame an answer to this Question.

M.P.M.
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V.P. Marwaha
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
30-3-1971

Min. of External Affairs (Shri T. Cherpoot, Under Secy.)
P.M's Secretariat U.O. No. 145553 Dt. 30/3/71

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MOST IMMEDIATE.
RAJYA SABHA QUESTION.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
POLL.II SECTION.

Subject:-Rajya Sabha Starred Question D.No. 35 regarding
'whether Netaji's name was on the list of
international war criminals'.

S.No. 23

Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat please refer
the Ministry of E.A.'s U.O. No. C.125/1/71-JP, dated 20.3.71
on the above subject.

2. This Ministry have since accepted the transfer of
the Rajya Sabha Starred Question referred ^{to} above. It is,
therefore, requested that the material for answer ^{ing} of the ^{the}
Question may please be sent to this Ministry immediately.

T.R. Agnani

(T.R. AGNANI)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri Marwah, Under Secy)
MHA.U.O. No. 7/1/71-Poll. dated 26.3.1971.

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 182
(originally registered as Starred Question
D.No. 35), by Shri A.D. Mani, for answer
on 1.4.1971, seeking to know whether
Netaji's name was on the list of
International War Criminals.

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Reference Ministry of Home Affairs' U.O.
No. 7/1/71-Poll. dated 26th March, 1971, calling
for material in regard to the above mentioned
Question. It has not been possible to confirm
from our record that a deputation of the All India
Forward Bloc met the Prime Minister on December 27
(or December 26 as reported in the Press), 1970.
It may, however, be stated in this connection that
Shri Chitta Basu, M.P., wrote to the Prime Minister
on November 2, 1970, requesting her to let the
Netaji Enquiry Commission be furnished with the
documents pertaining to Netaji's disappearance,
which might be available with the Government of
India and foreign governments concerned. Shri
Chitta Basu followed up that letter with a
reminder on 20th November, 1970. Those letters
together with the reply sent by P.M. to Shri
Chitta Basu, vide her letter No. 1253-PMO/70
dated 28th November, 1970, were referred to the
Ministry of Home Affairs, who processed the
matter further in consultation with the Ministry
of External Affairs and the Netaji Enquiry
Commission. The Home Ministry's file on the
subject, which was referred to us last on 9th
February, 1971, (vide their U.O. No. 25/48/70-
Poll. II), was returned to them (J.S.(Poll.) the
same day with an endorsement by J.S. to P.M.

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(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
30-3-1971

Min. of Home Affairs (Shri R. Vasudevan, Dy. Secy.)
P.M.'s Secretariat U.O. No. PMS-5657 ✓ Dt. 30.3.71

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Most Immediate
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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Sub: Rajya Sabha unstarred question D. No.182
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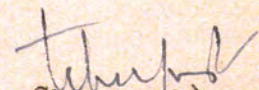
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Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat kindly
refer to their u.o. No.PMS-5553, dated 30 March, 1971,
on the above subject?

This Ministry have not received any memorandum
or letter pertaining to the subject matter of the
above question from the All India Forward Bloc.

All relevant material regarding Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose available with this Ministry has already
been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (J)

Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri V.P. Marwaha, P.S.)
M.E.A. u.o. C/125/1/71-JP, dated 30-3-71

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July 24, 1971.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th July, 1971, to the Prime Minister, regarding Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

Yours faithfully,

9/2 Self
(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Shri R. Krishnan Nair,
Malaya Printing Works,
Attungal P.O.
KERALA.

Copy, with the letter under acknowledgement and its enclosure, forwarded to the Min. of Home Affairs for such action as is considered appropriate.

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(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
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To
Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Madam,

I beg to say that Netaji Subhas Bose is still alive. He is now in West Bengal. I know where he lives now and can hand him over to your Honour provided you reward me three crores of Rupees by Crossed cheque. You may come to Calcutta forthwith when I will give you whereabouts of his existence. My residential address is given below. Before you left Delhi, you may kindly inform me either by wire or by any other means whatever you think fit.

Praying to Almighty God to grant you long life.

Yours faithfully,

Dated at 17/C, Ramesh Mitra
Road, Calcutta-25.

Provat Chandra Dey
(Provat Chandra Dey)

The 30th July, 1971.

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ALL INDIA FORWARD BLOC

(Founder President Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose)

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P. K. Mookiah Thevar M. P.

Acting Chairman

R.K. Haldulkar

General Secretary



Phone No. 409

Chhindwara (M.P.)

Ref. G-2/024/71

Date... 22... 2... 1971.

To

Shrimati Indra Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Sub:- National Honour to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Dear Madam,

I would remind you to the long-standing demand of my party regarding imparting National Honour to our great patriot Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose but I regret to find that no action has been taken uptil now by the Government of India regarding the same. The deputations of my party have also met you from time to time to voice the above demand.

To one of the deputations of my party, you had promised to examine the question of writing the authentic history of the AZAD HIND GOVERNMENT and its activities in South East Asia, founded by Netaji, which, in 1947, took a real shape of the Free Government of India but that promise has also not been fulfilled uptil now.

Now my party has directed me to inform you that in case the Government of India does not give National Honour to Netaji by taking the following steps by 23rd January, 1972, the 75th Birthday of Netaji, the party will be compelled to start a country-wide movement for the fulfilment of the same.

1. A life-size bronze statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose be installed in front of the Red Fort at Delhi to commemorate his famous slogan of "DELHI CHALO" and unfurl our National Tricoulour Flag on the Red Fort. If this is not done the party will install the statue of Netaji in front of the Red Fort at Delhi on its own initiative and expenditure. The party is strongly opposed to the proposal of installation of Netaji's statue in some public garden of Delhi. The proper place for the installation of the statue is the front portion of the Red Fort at Delhi.

2. To declare 23rd January, the Birthday of Netaji and 21st October the foundation day of the Azad Hind Government in Singapore by Netaji as National Holidays.

3. An authentic history of Azad Hind Foug (Indian National Army) and Azad Hind Government established by Netaji be written and published by the Government of India and it should be made a text book in all the schools and colleges of India.

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JS-11 may see. This is an ultimatum by the Forward Bloc

threatening direct action

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ALL INDIA FORWARD BLOC

(Founder President Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose)

अखिल हिन्द फॉरवर्ड ब्लॉक

P. K. Mookkiah Thevar M. P.
Acting Chairman

R. K. Haldulkar
General Secretary

Ref.



Phone No. 409

Chhindwara (M.P.)

Date. 22. 9. 1971.

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4. Netaji's photo must be displayed in all the Government offices and Military Establishments.

I shall be glad to know the action, the Government of India proposes to take on the above demands by 21st October, 1971. In case no reply is received by us, it will be presumed that the Government of India does not want to take any action regarding the same and the party will be free to launch any movement which it thinks fit for the fulfilment of its above demands. The reply be sent on the following address:

My Address:

R. K. Haldulkar,
General Secretary,
All India Forward Bloc,
Subhashnagar,
Chhindwara (M.P.).

Yours faithfully,

R. K. Haldulkar

(R. K. Haldulkar)
General Secretary,
All India Forward Bloc.

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No. MS-21895 ✓

October 1, 1971.

Dear Sir,

S.No. 30

I have been asked to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 22nd September, 1971, to the Prime Minister, regarding steps to commemorate the memory of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, and to say that it is being forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,

self-
V.P. Marwaha
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Shri R.K. Haldulkar,
General Secretary, All India
Forward Bloc,
CHHINDWARA (M.P.)

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Copy, with a copy of the letter under acknowledgement, forwarded to the Min. of Home Affairs. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly consider the desirability of sending a suitable reply to this letter. As will be noted, Shri Haldulkar has threatened that if no reply is received by them by 21st October, 1971, their Party would launch a movement to achieve their demands.

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V.P. Marwaha
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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Amiya Nath Bose

BARRISTER-AT-LAW
SENIOR ADVOCATE

Phone : 44-3530

1, WOODBURN PARK,
CALCUTTA-20

23rd September 1971

My dear Indira,

Enclosed you will please find copy of a letter I have written to Mr Justice G.D. Khosla. I understand that Mr Justice Khosla has decided not to visit Taihoku, the place of the alleged air-crash in 1945. This, in my view, is most unfortunate. I shall be glad if you will kindly intervene in the matter.

Hope this will find you in excellent health.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Amiya

(Amiya Nath Bose)

Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
1, Safdarjung Road
New Delhi-1.

With reference to her minute of 24.9.71
PM may kindly see the Home Ministry's
letter placed below (FR)

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23rd September 1971

Mr Justice G.D. Khosla,
Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970)
2nd Floor, Reserve Bank Building,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi.

Dear Mr Justice Khosla,

I understand that you have decided not to visit Taihoku, the place of the alleged air-crash in August 1945. When this matter was discussed in Parliament, the Shah Nawaz Enquiry Committee was severely criticised because members of that Committee did not visit Taihoku and hold an on-the-spot enquiry there. It was known that the Japanese Government had made all arrangements to enable members of Shah Nawaz Enquiry Committee to visit Taihoku. The absence of diplomatic relations between the Formosan Government and the Government of India do not present a problem, which cannot be easily solved. I feel sure that without a visit to Taihoku this enquiry cannot possibly be a satisfactory one. I believe that the Government of Formosa has already agreed to extend to all facilities to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

There is another matter about which I should draw your attention. In 1956, Col. Habibur Rehman made the following statement before Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee :

"It may be of interest to mention here, that when I left Taihoku I was given a watch by the Officer Commanding of the Hospital, who had treated Netaji saying that it was Netaji's watch which was removed from his wrist after his death. I do not remember the make of the watch, but it had charred leather strap because of fire. Later on, I managed to hand it over to Netaji's family through Mr Bhulabhai Desai."

In course of his evidence before you Major Genl. S.C. Alagappan, I.N.A. said as follows :

"Witness : He showed me also the watch which Netaji was wearing with burnt skin attached to the back of the watch.

Amiya Nath Bose

BARRISTER-AT-LAW
SENIOR ADVOCATE

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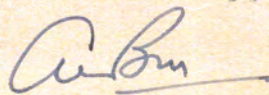
Counsel : What sort of watch he was wearing?
Witness : It was a gold chronometer type of watch.
Counsel : Do you remember the size and shape of the watch which Habibur Rehman showed you?
Witness : Round shaped watch. It looked like the watch which Netaji was wearing. It was a gold chronometer type of watch.
Counsel : How did he bring the watch? In his hands or in his pocket?
Witness : He showed it from his pocket.
Counsel : What was the colour of the watch?
Witness : Yellow. "

I should add here that the watch, which is now in my possession, is rectangular in shape.

I hope you will take steps to visit Taihoku and seek further clarification from Col. Habibur Rehman about the watch.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister. As this is a matter of great public importance, I am also releasing this letter to the press.

Yours sincerely,



(Amiya Nath Bose)

S.No. 32
B.N. TANDON,
Joint Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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September 25, 1971

No MS-21663
My dear Varadan,

I enclose copy of a letter written to P.M. by Amiya Nath Bose, along with its enclosure. P.M. would like to know if there is any good reason for Justice Khosla not visiting the site.

Yours sincerely,

12/9/71
(B.N. Tandon)

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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B.N. Tandon,
Joint Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Pms-23774

October 23, 1971

My dear Varadan,

Will you kindly refer to my letter
No. PMS-21663 dated September 25, 1971,
enclosing a copy of a letter written to P.M.
by Shri Amiyanath Bose, regarding Mr. Justice
Khosla's reported decision not to visit
Taihoku.

I shall be grateful to know when
a reply may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

Remanendra
(B.N. Tandon) 22/10/71

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

[Signature]
22/10/71

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Reference attached.

We are not aware whether a reply
has been received from the Ministry of
Home Affairs. P.S.(S) may kindly see.

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I have not yet seen any
reply.

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B.K. GOSWAMI
DEPUTY SECRETARY

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No. 24/6/71-Poll.II

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

गृह मन्त्रालय
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NEW DELHI
NOVEMBER, 1971.

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Dear Shri Tandon,

Kindly refer to your letter no. PMS 23774 dated 23rd October, 1971, addressed to Shri Srinivasavaradan, regarding the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taihoku.

2. The question of the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taiwan was examined towards the close of 1970 on a suggestion from the Commission itself. The Ministry of External Affairs informed us, after enquiries from our Commission in Hong Kong, that the Taiwan Government are not willing to extend facilities to the Commission unless an official request in that regard was made to them by the Government of India. It was also clarified by that Ministry that the Government of India would not be in a position to take up the matter officially with the Taiwan Government because we do not recognise the Government of Taiwan. In the circumstances it has not been possible to arrange for Commission's visit to Taiwan.

Put up with file next week

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Kind Regards

Yours sincerely,

B.K. Goswami
(B.K. GOSWAMI)

Shri B.N. Tandon,
Joint Secretary to
Prime Minister,
P.M.'s Secretariat,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
PUBLIC (I) SECTION

Subject:- Celebration of Seventy-Fifth Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1972, as Diamond Jubilee - Suggestions regarding -

Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat kindly refer to their U.O. No. PMS-24228 dated the 29th October, 1971, on the subject noted above, with which they had returned to this Ministry, copy of the letter dated the 22nd September, 1971, which they had received from Shri R.K. Haldulkar, General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, for being dealt with in this Ministry, in consultation with the other Ministries concerned? In the aforesaid letter dated the 22nd September, 1971, Shri Haldulkar, General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc had suggested that the following steps should be taken by the Government, by 23rd January, 1972, the Seventy-Fifth Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose:-

- (i) That a life-size bronze statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose be installed in front of the Red Fort.
- (ii) Observance of holidays on 23rd January and 21st October by the Government.
- (iii) That an authentic history of Azad Hind Fouz (Indian National Army) and Azad Hind Government established by Netaji be written and published.
- (iv) That Netaji's photographs must be displayed in all the Government offices and military establishments.

2. In this connection attention is invited to Prime Minister's Secretariat's subsequent note dated the 27th December, 1971 with which that Secretariat forwarded to us for examination a copy of letter dated the 15th December, 1971, from Shri Samar Guha and 16 other Members of Parliament containing various suggestions for the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee Birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1972. All the 12 suggestions contained in the aforesaid letter were examined by this Ministry and the papers were returned to Prime Minister's Secretariat vide U.O. No. D. 33/M/JS(PR)/71 dated the 28th December, 1971.

3. The position in regard to the installation of the statue of Netaji, in front of Red Fort, has already been explained in the aforesaid note dated the 28th December, 1971. The position in regard to the other suggestions made by Shri Haldulkar, which is based on the reply give by Dr. Nagendra Singh, Secretary to the President of India, in his letter No. 62/68 dated the 24th May, 1968 to Shri Samar Guha is as under:-

(i) Portraits of Netaji:

There is no objection to the portraits of national leaders including Netaji's being displayed in offices. Government have not issued any directions making it obligatory for Government offices to display the photographs or portraits of national leaders nor is it proposed to issue such directions now.

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(ii) Observance of holidays:

It would be difficult to add to the list of such holidays, as the number of holidays is already large. (This, however, is a matter for the Department of Personnel to consider).

(iii) Publication of authentic history of Azad Hindi Fauz (Indian National Army):

The Ministry of Defence are considering this matter.

4. As both the letters, the one from Shri Samar Guha and sixteen other Members of Parliament and the other from Shri Haldulkar relate to the Celebration of Diamond Jubilee Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1972, it would be appropriate that a reply, if necessary, to Shri Haldulkar should also go from the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

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(L.D. HINDI)

11/1/72
UNDER SECRETARY

The Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri V.P. Marwaha, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister).

N.H.A. U.O. No. 19/49/71-Public II dated the 11th January, 1972.

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U.O. No. 19/49/71-Public II
dated 11-1-72 from the
Ministry of Home Affairs

Our U.O. dated the 29th October,
1971, referred to, may kindly be seen
at F/L. Notes at F/V give the back-
ground of the case.

2. It is understood from P.A. to J.S.(II)
that the papers, referred to in para
2 of the F/L, are with D.S. He may
kindly see.

SSA
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On informal inquiry, P.A. to D.S. has
told that the papers were with them
and he promised to send them down.
We have, however, not received the
papers yet. He may see.

P.A. to D.S. (Mr. Chandra)

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I Appear.

~~SSA~~
SO (for)

The papers have come down.
Please bring them and file.

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Samar Guha,
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



21, Canning Lane,
New Delhi,

15th December, 1971. [Not yet ack.]

This may please be examined
and put up to Parliament.

J. (PR) MHA.

27/12/71

Dear Madam Prime Minister,

Although you are very busy to deal with the situation arising out of Indo-Pak War, we draw your attention to a patriotic duty that the nation needs to discharge regarding the Diamond Jubilee Birthday* of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1972.

We request you to take appropriate steps for the celebration of the birthday of the greatest revolutionary of our time in a befitting manner. We suggest following programme for your consideration:-

- (1) To declare 23rd January, 1972 as All India Youth Day;
- (2) To Organise celebration function by the Government at the Central and State level;
- (3) To publish a brochure containing patriotic messages of Netaji befitting to the present situation of Indo-Pak War;
- (4) To display a film shown on Netaji;
- (5) ^{To introduce} Military decoration of our Army men for showing fighting valour in the name of Netaji;
- (6) To lay the foundation stone of Netaji's statue in Red Fort on the birthday of Netaji;
- (7) To issue special Netaji's insignia for the Youths on the occasion;
- (8) To prepare a booklet on national integration as achieved by Netaji in his Azad Hind Army and movement;
- (9) To set up a committee of eminent biographers to draw out an authentic biography of Netaji;
- (10) To rename the Dehra Dun Military Academy as Netaji Defence Academy;
- (11) To hold mass rally all over the country on the birthday of Netaji; and
- (12) To chalk out suitable radio and television programme for celebration of Netaji's birthday.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Samar Guha *Sahyash V. G.*
Tridib Chaudhuri
S. N. Mishra
S. N. Mishra P.K. Das

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister,
NEW DELHI.

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(Home Ministry's note below)

D (1) may also kindly see.

Personally I think most of the suggestions are not practicable. In any case their examination will have to be done by different ministries and will take time.

What would he advise?

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re: this.

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Let us discuss again.

Discussed with QS.
He felt that no reply
need go. File, after
sending copy to MHA for
information. 2/11
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Dear Shri Guha,

You and some of your colleagues wrote to me on the 15th December, regarding the commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Netaji's birthday.

You have made a ~~very large number of~~ ^{many} suggestions. However, ~~as you know,~~ it has always been Government's view that the initiative in such matters should be left with the public, supplemented by such assistance from the Government as is feasible. It is ^{any} ~~hardly~~ ^{celebration} worthy of the memory of so great a man as Netaji, who enthused ~~so many~~ millions of our countrymen to ask the Government to devise and execute the celebrations, ~~leek, stock and barrel.~~ Large scale popular participation cannot be ensured in this manner.

All India Radio will, of course, put out suitable programmes on the occasion. The writing of biographies and other more specialised books is best left to eminent historians and individuals, not Committees appointed by the Government.

It has been Government's consistent policy that military awards should not be named after individuals. The Dehradun Military Academy should also continue to bear an impersonal name.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

PM

Shri Samar Guha, MP,
21, Canning Lane,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(GRIH MANTRALAYA)

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"[Not yet acknowledged]"

This may please be examined and put up.

sd/- B.N. Tandon
27.12.71.

JS(YR), MHA

Shri Samar Guha and 15 other members have requested the Prime Minister to take appropriate steps for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee Birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1972. They have also suggested a programme. Obviously, their intention is that Government should give effect to this programme.

2. Government do not themselves celebrate the birthday of any national leader. The only ceremony which is officially arranged is the one on the Martyrs' Day at Raj Ghat where the Defence personnel participate in the function which is arranged by the Defence Ministry. Even this day does not happen to be a birthday, but the death anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi.

3. There have been occasions in the past when birthday centenaries of certain national leaders had been organised. This was done by National Committees assisted by the Ministry of Education. If any nation-wide celebrations have to be organised in the present case, the procedure adopted in the past for organising centenary celebrations could be followed and the Ministry of Education may be requested to assist the National Committee which may be formed.

4. The suggestions made by the M.Ps, if they are to be implemented by the Government, would concern several Ministries, as indicated below:-

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in file.
- (1) We are not aware of any particular day having been formally declared as a day for a particular purpose. If the organisers of the programme wish to call 23rd January, 1972 as All India Youth Day, there could be no objection.
 - (2) The second suggestion is that the Central and State Governments should organise celebrations. As stated above, this has to be done by non-official bodies and if any assistance is to be given the Education Ministry could consider the matter.
 - (3) The next suggestion is that a brochure containing patriotic messages of Netaji befitting the present situation of Indo-Pak war may be published. It may be noticed that the letter was written before the emergence of Bangla Desh as an independent country and the cease-fire on the western front. If a brochure is to be brought out, it could appropriately be done

by the National Committee. If necessary, the I&B Ministry could assist.

- (4) The suggestion that a film show on Netaji should be arranged, would again concern the I&B Ministry.
- (5) The question whether any military decorations should be introduced in the name of Netaji would be a matter for Defence Ministry.
- (6) The suggestion that the foundation stone of Netaji statue in Red Fort should be laid on 23rd January, 1972, pre-supposes that there is already a scheme for putting up the statue at that place. We have no information on this point. The matter will concern the Department of Works and Housing.
- (7) The next suggestion that a special Netaji's insignia should be issued for the youths is far from clear. It is not known what kind of insignia is contemplated. In any case this would be a matter which the National Committee, if set up, could consider.
- (8) The suggestion that a booklet on national integration as achieved by Netaji in the Azad Hind Army and movement should be prepared, would again be a matter which could be considered by the Ministry of I&B.
- (9) The suggestion that there should be a committee of eminent biographers to draw up an authentic biography of Netaji will have to be considered by the Ministry of Education.
- (10) The suggestion to rename the Dehra Dun Military Academy as Netaji Defence Academy would be a matter for the Defence Ministry to consider.
- (11) The suggestion that there should be mass rallies all over the country could be given effect to through educational institutions and State Governments and would again concern the Ministry of Education.
- (12) Chalking out a suitable radio and television programme for the celebration would be a matter for the I&B Ministry.

5. In view of the position explained above, if any further action in this matter is to be taken, the Ministry of Education may be requested to process this case.

Secretary may kindly see before these papers are referred to the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

(K.R. Prabhu)
28.12.71.

Secretary

Actually the time left now is so short that it will be difficult to organise any comprehensive programme particularly when within the same time frame arrangements for the Republic Day have to be made.

Anyhow if any action is desired all these Ministers will have to be involved immediately.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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A copy of a letter dated 15th December, 1971, addressed to the Prime Minister, by Shri Samar Guha and some other MPs, regarding the commemoration of the diamond jubilee of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's birthday, is enclosed.

g (V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
22-1-1972

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Ministry of External Affairs.
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Prime Minister's Secretariat

We enclose, for appropriate action,
a letter dated the 29th February, 1972, which the
Prime Minister has received from one Shri V.N.K.
Pillai of Kerala, regarding Netaji's ashes.

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(M. Malhoutra)
Deputy Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri A.K. Das, D.S.)

P.M.'s Secy U.O. No. PM-6301 ✓
Dated 8-3-72

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

In an application made before the Netaji Inquiry Commission, Shri Mookiah Thevar of the All India Forward Bloc, has suggested that the personal files of the late Prime Minister, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru about inquiries made by him about Netaji may be made available to the Commission.

2. Prime Minister's Secretariat may kindly inform if any such files are available with them or elsewhere.

R. C. Iyer

(R.C. IYER)

Under Secretary (Pol.I)

P.M.'s Secretariat (Shri S.P. Khanna, PS to P.M.)
M.H.A. U.O. No. 24/27/71-Poll.II., dated June 3, 1972.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Reference Ministry of Home Affairs u.o.
No.24/27/71-Poll.II dated the 1st July, 1972
regarding the application made before the
Netaji Inquiry Commission by Shri Mookiah Thevar
of the All India Forward Bloc that the personal
files of the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal
Nehru regarding enquiries made by him about
Netaji may be made available to the Commission.

2. It is not clear what exactly is meant
by the 'personal files' of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.
If that means any correspondence which he might
have had on the subject of Netaji before he
joined Government, no such files are available
in this Secretariat.

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(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10.7.72

Ministry of Home Affairs.

P.M.'s Secy. U.O. No. Pms-16980
Dated 10.7.72

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Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat please refer to their U.O. No. PMS-16980, dated the 10th July, 1972, regarding inquiries made by the late Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru about the whereabouts of Netaji?

2. It is clarified that this Ministry are interested in any files that may be available with the Prime Minister's Secretariat on the subject of the disappearance of Netaji. These would also include files in which Shri Jawaharlal Nehru had made inquiries while he was the Prime Minister. As the Commission have requested that all such papers should be made available to them before the 7th August, 1972, we shall be grateful for an early reply. The Ministry of External Affairs have also been addressed separately in regard to the documents that may be available with them.

R C Iyer

(R.C. IYER)
UNDER SECRETARY
(Pol.I)

Prime Minister's Sectt. (Shri. S.P. Khanna, PS to PM)
M.H.A.U.O.NO. 24/27/71- Poll. II., dated 24 July, 72.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Reference Ministry of Home Affairs
u.o. No.24/27/71-Poll.II dated the 21st
July, 1972.

2. ✓ Volumes I and II of this Secretariat
file No.F.2(64)/56-66-PM regarding "Death of
Shri Subhash Chandra Bose and appoint of an
Inquiry Committee to go into the circumstances
of the death" which contain papers relating to
the time of the late Prime Minister Shri
Jawaharlal Nehru are sent herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

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(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
4.8.72

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R.C. Iyer, Under
Secretary)

P.M.'s Secy. V.O. No. PMS-18719 ✓
Dated 4.8.72

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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
(Question Branch)

SUBJECT : Short Notice Question Dy. No. 78
regarding request by leaders of opposition to the Prime Minister
to allow Kelati Inquiry Commission to visit Formosa
Shri Samman Singh M. P. has given short Notice of a
question on the subject noted above, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. The Ministry of P. M. Secretariat are requested kindly to state
the facts regarding the above question. The Minister of Prime Minister
may also be requested to state whether he would be prepared to accept short notice of the above
question and if so, on what date it would be convenient for him to answer it.

3. It may also please be stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information
contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

In the absence of any reply being received within 3 days, it will be assumed that the
Minister is prepared to accept short notice of the question and it will be put down for answer on
the next day allotted to that Ministry.

Ministry will also have to be consulted.
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for UNDER SECRETARY

P.S. to Minister of the Prime Minister
Ministry of the P.M. Secretariat
L.S. S. U. O. No. SNQ. 28/1/72 dated 10/8/72

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Sh. Samar Guha

M.P./संसद् सदस्य

To/सेवा में

THE SECRETARY, /सचिव,
LOK SABHA, /लोक सभा,
NEW DELHI. /नई दिल्ली।

SIR, /श्रीमान्,

Under Rule 54 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य-संचालन सम्बन्धी नियमों के नियम ५४ (१) के अन्तर्गत,

I give notice of the following Short Notice Question.

मैं निम्नलिखित अल्प-सूचना प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ।

The reasons for asking the question at Short Notice are :

अल्प-सूचना पर प्रश्न पूछने के कारण इस प्रकार हैं :

A matter of urgent public importance.

Yours faithfully, /भ. दीया

Member, /सदस्य

Division No./डिवीजन नम्बर 365

Short Notice Question /अल्प-सूचना प्रश्न

Will the Minister of..... **Prime Minister**
be pleased to state :

क्या..... मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे

(a) whether/(क) क्या Leaders of most of the Opposition Parties and some Congress Members of Lok Sabha requested the Prime Minister in a joint letter, last May, to take necessary steps to enable the Netaji's Inquiry Commission to visit Formosa to make an on-the-spot inquiry at the Taihoka airport (Tipeh) where Netaji's plane was alleged to have crashed;

(b) whether the Chairman of the Commission expressed the view that he considered visit to Formosa as "essential" for completing the work of the enquiry;

(c) whether in that letter Prime Minister was requested to take steps to abviate diplomatic formalities in enabling the Commission to visit Formosa; and

(d) If so, whether the Prime Minister is considering to agree with the request made in the letter?

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Prime Minister's Secretariat

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subject: Short Notice question Dy.No.78 by
Shri Samar Guha regarding request by
leaders of opposition to the prime Minister
to allow Netaji Inquiry Commission to visit
Formosa.

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Reference Lok Sabha Secretariat U.O.
No.SNQ/78/V/72-Q dated the 10th August, 1972 on the
above subject.

2. The prime Minister regrets that she is unable
to accept short notice of the above question.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs are being requested
to intimate the facts relating to the question to the
Lok Sabha Secretariat direct. It is requested that the
question, if admitted, may be allocated to that Ministry.

(S.P. Khanna)
private Secretary
to the prime Minister

Lok Sabha Secretariat

P.M.'s Secy. U.O. No. Pms-19/19
Dated 11-8-72

Copy, together with a copy of the u.o. and
the Short Notice Question forwarded to the Ministry
of Home Affairs for favour of necessary action. A
memorandum from Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao and 31 other
M.Ps on the subject was received in this Secretariat
and passed on to MOS(P) under u.o.No.PMS-14515 dated
the 29th May, 1972.

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(S.P. Khanna)
private Secretary
to the prime Minister.

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I have gone through the file carefully and I do not think that there is anything in it, the disclosure of which may be embarrassing to the Government. If approved, the file may be forwarded to the Commission.

Sd/-
(V.K. Kapoor)
Deputy Secretary.

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These files are of the Prime Minister's Secretariat and we cannot take the decision regarding their being made available to the Commission.

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2. I have gone through all these files carefully. Except the correspondence exchanged with Shri Suresh Chandra Bose and about his with Shri B.C. Roy, the other papers do not contain anything which Government ought to withhold. Even in regard to the correspondence with or about Shri S.C. Bose, there is nothing by way of information which Government would like to withhold. But certain observations in Shri S.C. Bose's letter (66A) about Shri Shah Nawaz Khan and in the then PM, late Pandit Nehru's letter (61A) to late Shri B.C. Roy about Shri S.C. Bose are such that there may not be any advantage in making them public. I find that the tenor of Pandit Nehru's letter to Shri S.C. Bose is quite different from what he had to say to Shri B.C. Roy about Shri S.C. Bose. But there is an indication in file No.2(64)/56-66-Vol.II (97A) that Shri S.C. Bose had released the correspondence that took place between them and Pandit Nehru.

3. On a consideration of all aspects, I would suggest that the best course of action would be to forward these files to the Chairman of the Commission and request that he may consider whether in the interest of maintaining the secrecy of personal correspondence, it would be possible not to disclose observations in the nature of a personal opinion about some correspondence of the Prime Minister. We may specifically draw his attention to the letters addressed by the then Prime Minister to the then Chief Minister, West Bengal and suggest that since they are not germane to the terms of the inquiry of the Commission and in the interest of avoiding unnecessary controversy, they should not be shown to anyone else. Such a restriction would not, however, be necessary in regard to other pages of the files.

4. P.M.'s Secretariat may see. If they agree, action on the above lines could be taken by us.

Sd/
(T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan)
26.9.1972

JS to PM

Seen; thanks.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(East Asia Division)

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Prime Minister's Secretariat may please see the copy of letter dated September 6, 1972, addressed to the Foreign Minister, by Prof. Samar Guha, M.P., asking the F.M. to reconsider the question of ~~asking~~ ^{sending} the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taiwan. Paragraph 3 of the letter says that the leaders of the opposition parties and some ^{Comp.} Members of the Lok Sabha had addressed a joint letter to the Prime Minister also requesting her to think in terms of sending the Inquiry Commission to Taiwan. It is requested that a copy of the letter addressed to the P.M., referred to above, may please be sent to us for our record.

Sharma
(S.K. Uppal)
Under Secretary(J)
3. 10, 1972

Prime Minister's Sectt. (Shri M. Malhotra - Dy. Secy.)
Minl of E.A. u.o.No.C/551/5/72-JP dated Oct.3,1972.

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the letter referred to is not in Finance Section.
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Prof. Samar Guha
Member of Parliament
(Lok Sabha)

27, South Avenue,
New Delhi

Sept. 6, 1972.

Dear Shri Swaran Singh,

I hope you will remember that on 4th September I met you in connection with the issue of visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Formosa to make an on-the-spot inquiry at Taihoko Airport (Tipah), where the alleged air crash involving Netaji was reported to have taken place.

Justice Khosla wrote to the Government (Home Department) for arranging visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Formosa. But unfortunately the Government declined to arrange for such a visit on ground that India had no diplomatic relations with the Government of Formosa. The matter was raised on the floor of the House by several Members of Lok Sabha and the Government gave the same reply,

Leaders of the Opposition parties and some Congress Members of Lok Sabha in a joint letter addressed to the Prime Minister requested her to reconsider the matter. In that letter, it was stated that India is having various trade relations with Formosa and many of our high officials are visiting that country. The Netaji Inquiry Commission being a non-political body and having nothing to do with the diplomatic issues between India and Formosa, the Commission should be allowed to visit Formosa to complete its work regarding the Inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Even after receiving the letter from the Government that it was not possible for them to arrange for the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Formosa, the Chairman of the Commission Justice Khosla observed during the proceedings of the court that he considered it "very essential for the Commission to visit Formosa, but it was difficult for him to make a second request to the Government in this matter." I want to remind you that one of the basic reasons why second inquiry commission has been instituted is that the Shah Nawaz Commission failed to visit Formosa and make an on-the-spot inquiry on the place of occurrence of the alleged plane crash. The Government is spending a large sum of money for finally

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resolving all questions regarding disappearance of Netaji, and as such it will be rather very unhelpful on the part of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to reach a final conclusion regarding its findings on the issue of disappearance of Netaji, unless it can visit the place of occurrence of the alleged plane crash. Again, questions should be raised against the findings of the Commission and the controversy on Netaji will continue, thus frustrating the effort of the Government to finally resolve the issue.

Our Government is having relations with Formosa and other countries in regard to trade and other matters with which it has no diplomatic relations. I shall request you to realise the implications of the limitations in regard to the inquiry that will be imposed on Netaji Inquiry Commission if it is not allowed to visit the place of occurrence of the alleged plane crash as already contradictory views have been expressed by a number of witnesses regarding the topography and other matters relating to Taihoko Airport.

I shall earnestly request you to take up the matter with the authorities concerned to make arrangements or permit the Netaji Inquiry Commission for its visit to Formosa for concluding its inquiry regarding the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I hope you will agree that late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in one of his letters to Shri A.N. Bose, ex M.P. son of late Sarat Chandra Bose wrote that "the controversy on Netaji Subash Chandra Bose should be finally resolved" and nothing should be left so that the findings of the Khosla Inquiry Commission may leave any scope for being challenged in future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

sd/- Samar Guha

Sardar Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Reference Ministry of External Affairs u.o.No. C/551/5/72-JP, dated the 3rd October, 1972, regarding Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Taiwan.

2. Shri M. Satyanarayana Rao and 31 other M.Ps. had addressed a memorandum to the Prime Minister on the subject and it was passed on (in original) to M.O.S.(P) on ~~29-5-1972~~ under this Secretariat No. PMS-14515, dated the 29th May, 1972.

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(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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Ministry of External Affairs (Shri S.K. Uppal - U.S.)
P.M.'s Sectt. u.o.No. 2/64/72-8m dated 11-10-72

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SAMAR GUHA
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



27 SOUTH AVENUE
NEW DELHI.

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23.12.72

Dear Prime Minister,

I met you two days before in connection with some of the problems facing the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

I drew your attention to the following urgent matters in connection therewith:

- 1) DOCUMENTS NOT SUPPLIED BY THE HOME DEPTT TO THE COMMISSION: ...

Commission expressed its worries that although the Home Department of the Central Government was requested to furnish the Commission with all documents connected with Netaji, yet they have not been supplied to the Commission.

In this connection I may inform you that the Defence Department have already supplied all the necessary documents to the Commission.

The final argument will begin from February next. It is, therefore, essential that the Commission should have the opportunity to go through all necessary documents connected with Netaji that are in the hands of Home Department. Kindly direct the Home Department to deal with the matter expeditiously.

- 2) VISIT OF NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION TO FORMOSA;

The Netaji Inquiry Commission publicly expressed on several occasions and also wrote to the Government of India that it considered the visit of the Commission to the place of occurrence of alleged Plane crash involving Netaji

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at Taihoko in Formosa.

Avoiding the diplomatic complications the following alternative means can be utilised for facilitating visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission without involving the Government of India directly in requesting the Government of Formosa for such visit.

The Netaji Enquiry Commission can visit Formosa on the invitation by ..

- (i) as guest of Formosa Buddhist Association
- (ii) as guest of the Civic Association which is an un-official body promoting Trade and Cultural Relations between Formosa and those countries who have no diplomatic relations with Formosa.
- (iii) as guests of China-India Cultural and Economic Association of Taipai (Taiwan - Formosa) whose Chairman is Mr. Tao Yung, a Member of Parliament of Formosa. He also visited India three times and on the last occasion he visited our country during the Gandhi Centenary celebrations.
- (iv) As guest of WACL/APACL of China

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(Formosa), whose Chairman is Dr. Ku Cheng Kang, the Vice-President of National Assembly of Taiwan (Formosa). The first Indian Parliamentary Delegation visited Formosa as a guest of this organisation in June 1964, the clearance for which was given by late Mr. Panditji himself just before his death.

I hope you will give your urgent consideration in the matters stated above.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samar Guha

(SAMAR GUHA)

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

We enclose a copy of a letter dated the 23rd December, 1972, which the Prime Minister has received from Shri Samar Guha, MP, regarding certain problems facing the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We would be grateful for the urgent comments of the Ministry.

(M. Malhoutra)
Deputy Secretary
23-12-72

Ministry of Home Affairs

(Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan, Joint Secretary)

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Prime Minister's Secretariat

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to this Secretariat u.o.No.PM9-29745 dated the 24th December, 1972 with which was forwarded a copy of letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. regarding certain problems facing the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We would be grateful for an early reply.

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(M. Malhoutra)
Deputy Secretary

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Ministry of Home Affairs
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Prime Minister's Secretariat

Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to this Secretariat u.o. notes No. PMS-29745 and F. 2/64/73-PM dated the 24th December, 1972 and 17th January, 1973 respectively about a letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. regarding certain problems facing the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

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2. We would be grateful if a reply is kindly expedited.

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(M. Malhoutra)
Deputy Secretary

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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri T. C. A. Srinivasavardan,
Joint Secretary).

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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Prime Minister's Secretariat may kindly refer to their U.O. No. PMS-29745, dated the 24th December, 1972 and subsequent reminders of the 19th January and the 7th February, 1973, regarding letters from Shri Samar Guha, M.P., about some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs and a further communication would follow shortly.

R. C. Iyer

(R.C. IYER)

Under Secretary (Pol.I)

P.M.'s Secretariat (Shri M. Malhoutra, Deputy Secretary)
M.H.A. U.O. No. 24/6/71-Poll.II., dated 12 February, 1973.

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Prime Minister's Secretariat

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with their u.o.No.24/6/71 Poll.II dated the 12th February, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We would be grateful to be informed when a further communication may be expected.

(M. Malhoutra)
Deputy Secretary

Ministry of Home Affairs.

P.M's Sectt. u.o.No.2/64/73-PM

dated 6.3.73.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat kindly refer to their U.O. No. 2/64/73-P.M., dated the 6th March, 1973, regarding letters from Shri Samar Guha, MP, about some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. The matter is still under consideration and a further communication would follow shortly.

Sd/- R.C. Iyer
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

P.M.'s Sectt. (Shri M. Malhotra, Dy. Secretary)
MHA U.O. No. 24/6/71-Poll.II, dated March, 1973

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with their u.o.No.24/6/71-Poll.II dated the 14th March, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We would be grateful to be informed of the present position of the case.

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(M. Malhotra)
Deputy Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with this Secretariat u.o. of even number dated the 12th April, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We would be grateful for an early reply.

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(M. Malhotra)
Deputy Secretary

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri R.C. Iyer - Under Secretary)
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The Prime Minister's Secretariat may kindly refer to their U.O.No. 2/64/73-PM dated the 14th May, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. The matter is under consideration and a further communication will follow as soon as a decision is taken.

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(R.C. IYER)
UNDER SECRETARY

Prime Minister's Sectt. (Shri M. Malhoutra, Dy. Secretary)
M.H.A.U.O. No. 24/6/71-Poll.II dated the 15th May, 1973.

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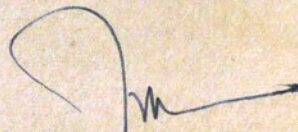
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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with their u.o. No.24/6/71-Poll.II dated the 16th May, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We shall be grateful to be informed how the matter now stands.


Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

SSA J.C.

Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri R.C. Iyer - Under Secretary)

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with this Secretariat u.o. of even number dated the 19th June, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We shall be grateful to be informed when a reply may be expected.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri R.C. Iyer, Under Secretary)

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Samar Guha
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



S.No. 61
27, South Avenue,
NEW DELHI-11.

July 25, 1973

Dear Madam Prime Minister,

The whole country felt highly grateful to you for taking personal initiative to permit the Netaji Inquiry Commission to visit Taipei in Taiwan. Taipei, which was known as Taihoku at the time of Japanese occupation, really holds the key to unravel the mystery about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose.

We expected that the Netaji Inquiry Commission while visiting Taipei will avail every opportunity and all facilities for conducting thorough enquiry into Netaji-mystery. But on reaching Taipei we were completely surprised to know from the Commission that a departmental letter issued from the Ministry of External Affairs strangely inhibited the Commission from seeking any direct help from the Government of Taiwan or any other non-official organisation in that country. In consequence the Commission took an absolutely passive attitude sitting almost like an inert body doing nothing in exercising its initiative and freedom to conduct inquiry into Netaji-mystery. If we did not accompany the Commission, perhaps the Commission would have returned to India without doing any inquiry whatsoever in Taipei.

The directive issued by the Ministry of External Affairs not only circumscribed the independence of the judicial body like the Netaji Inquiry Commission but practically frustrated its work of investigation into the circumstances leading to the disappearance of Netaji.

The Government of Taiwan did not ask for any formal letter from the Government of India to the Government of Taiwan, but they expressed their desire that the Commission should write to the East Asia Department of their Government for seeking its cooperation in conducting inquiry in Taiwan. On our request the Government of Taiwan issued visas to the members associated with the Netaji Commission and made an unusual liberal gesture of goodwill to the Commission by allowing it to hold court proceedings in their country without formal permission. The Government of Taiwan, various non-official organisations there and the press as a whole expressed their sincere willingness to extend all kinds of cooperation to the Commission. But as the Commission refused, even being requested by us repeatedly, to write to the East Asia Department of the Government of Taiwan, the Commission failed to avail all opportunities that were before them for resolving Netaji-mystery.

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We got two very important documents which were submitted by the military authority of Japan, ^{one} as that of the municipal certificate and the other of crematorium certificate as permits for cremating the reported body of Netaji, but startlingly these two vital documents were found to contain not the name of Netaji but of a Japanese young military officer.

Mr. Harin Shah, a journalist, who visited Taipei in 1946 submitted a report to late Panditji and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in an attempt to convince them that Netaji really died in a plane crash at Taipei. Subsequently he published a book and included in it many documents and photographs of various persons which he claimed to have found during his visit to Taipei. He produced these documents before the earlier Shah Nawaz Committee also. But on our enquiry at Taipei we found that most of the documents are either fabricated or concocted and many of the photographs were frauds.

I returned from Taipei with the firm conviction that the report of death of Netaji that was circulated by the Government of Japan could not be relied. But unfortunately due to the restriction imposed on the Netaji Inquiry Commission and inert attitude of the latter in course of its investigation work at Taipei, we missed the opportunity to finally unravel Netaji-mystery.

I shall fail in my duty if I do not inform you that the Government of Taiwan, the people at large and the press as a whole there showed an attitude of extreme goodwill, friendship and cordiality to India and to us who visited Taipei very recently. None of them raised any political issue but expressed their goodwill and friendship to India and urged that India and Taiwan should have friendly, cultural, social and economic relations.

I regret to remark very frankly to you that the effort of Netaji Inquiry Commission has been frustrated by the directive issued to it curbing its initiative and freedom by the Ministry of External Affairs.

I want to draw your attention to another aspect in connection with the Netaji Inquiry Commission. The Commission has fixed up the dates for Argument Session from 30th July. But all the vital documents that the Commission asked from the Government have not yet been supplied to it. Without these documents it will be again extremely difficult for the Commission to arrive at a right conclusion.



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I alongwith two other members of National Committee to Assist Netaji Inquiry made frantic efforts with the help of some members of Parliament of Taiwan and press reporters there to collect some materials and find out some witnesses for appearing before the Commission. Many revealing facts were coming before the Commission which contradicted the most of the earlier reports circulated by the Government of Japan and many of the facts that were placed before the earlier Netaji Inquiry Committee headed by Major General Shah Nawaz Khan. As it required for us to conduct various enquiries from the airport, hospital, municipality, crematorium and other authorities related to documents and records in connection with the reports that were circulated by the Government of Japan, the task was very difficult to complete without the formal help of the Government of Taiwan. We were getting unknown facts, many witnesses and many other materials which if we succeeded to collect and produce before the Commission, Netaji-mystery would have been finally resolved. We could stress a number of local inhabitants who were working during the days of Japanese occupation under the various authorities as stated above, but it was difficult for us to produce them before the Commission without getting time and opportunity to track them and bring them before the Commission. We requested the Commission to extend its sittings by a few days so that we could try to do our best to collect more materials and find important personnel for the purpose of getting facts for Netaji inquiry. But unfortunately due to strict directive given to the Commission, the Commission expressed its reluctance to extend its sittings at Taipei. I am extremely sorry to observe that the inhibiting directive issued by the Ministry of External Affairs practically scuttled the objective of Commission's visit to Taiwan.

I also want to inform you that the facts that came before us revealed wide range of divergence about the reported time and location of the alleged plane crash involving Netaji, time and date of his reported death, location of his hospitalisation, the date and time of his cremation, etc. ^{date}

The meteorological report showed that the plane crash could not have occurred at the place where it was reported so by the Government of Japan. It was also reported to us by one or two witnesses that a body that was told to be of Netaji was cremated. But everybody stated that the body was rolled inside an army blanket additionally covered by a sheet of white cloth and nobody was allowed to see whose dead body it was. No photograph of the dead body was taken and nobody was allowed to see the body which was told by the Japanese as that of Netaji.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



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I harboured ~~this~~ faith that by taking the patriotic step of setting up a fresh Netaji Inquiry Commission, you showed your keenness to resolve Netaji-mystery. I still hope that you should take necessary steps to ask the different departments of the Government to submit relevant documents to the Commission. I would take liberty further to request you to write a personal letter to the President of Pakistan, Mr. Bhutto, requesting him to take necessary steps to enable Col. Habibur Rehman, who can say the last word about Netaji, to appear before the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

I hope you will appreciate the frankness of my letter as it will reflect to you the prevailing feeling of our countrymen about Netaji-mystery.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samar Guha

(SAMAR GUHA)

Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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Copy of letter dated July 25, 1973 from
Shri Samar Guha, M.P. regarding Netaji
Inquiry Commission's visit to Taipei.

2 Sardar Swaran Singh,
Minister of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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July 26, 1973.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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We forward h^{ere}ewith a copy of a letter dated 25th July, 1973 addressed to the Prime Minister by Shri Samar Guha, MP, regarding the Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Taipei and certain other aspects on the work of the Commission.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs

(Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan, Addl. Secretary)

P.M.'s Sectt. U.O.No. Pms. 13422 dated 30.7.1973

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HARIN SHAH

KUMKUM BUNGALOW

LYTTON ROAD

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TEL 386382

Dear Indiraji,

August 4, 1973.

I received from Shri Seshan on 26.7.73 a short note stating that Shri Samar Guha had written to you ~~stating~~ declaring that first ever report by me in 1946 on Netaji's death in Taihoku, subsequently appearing in a book form had "most of the documents and photographs of various persons which he (Harin Shah) claimed to have found during his visit to Taipei are either fabricated or concocted" and many of the photographs were frauds."

Since I have not seen Shri Guha's letter to you I do not know exactly what words he has used and how, nor could I gauge what reasons or reasoning he has adduced for his curious connotation. My task of meeting Shri Guha's contention would be facilitated if I could have a copy of his letter.

The entire material bearing on Netaji's death in the plane crash at Taihoku on Aug. 18, 1945, was

- (i) gathered on the spot at Taihoku,
- (ii) soon after the event,
- (iii) personally by me,
- (iv) at first hand, from over a dozen, totally unconnected and utterly unmotivated, actually eye-witnesses as well as highly responsible persons ranging from Doctors, Nurses and Cremation personnel to Speaker of Formosan Assembly and newspapermen,
- (v) of both Formosan and Japanese origin.

The enquiry was entirely independent and thorough, questioning close and cross-examination careful, accompanied by checking and re-checking and verification and sifting. The material included

- (a) local newspapers of the time
- (b) books published after the event
- (c) recorded statements of eye-witnesses of hospitalisation and cremation
- (d) letters and affidavits from persons with direct, personal knowledge
- (e) document giving permission for cremation, and
- (f) photographs of locations, persons and documents taken by me on the spot.

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All this was presented to Panditji. Apparently convinced of the fact of Netaji's death in the Taihoku crash howsoever regrettable, in the face of detailed and direct, first-hand evidence, he made a statement in the Parliament, drawing upon my report.

Apart from the fact of the Parliament having been seized of the exhaustive, eye-witness evidence, whether Shri Guha likes it or not, the whole episode of the plane-crash and Netaji's death became the subject of a searching enquiry, at the instance of the Government of India, by the Shahnawaz Khan Committee. This Committee, which, "has come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air-crash", had the following to say about the evidence I gathered and which Shri Guha finds disagreeable:

"Mr. Harin Shah's evidence is, therefore, all the more valuable, as it was taken on the spot, soon after the time of occurrence".

While unable to compete with his inimitable style or terminology, I must strongly refute the insinuations of Shri Guha about the documents and photographs which I had myself taken from and of persons, in the presence of a number of people, in full public knowledge. Fairness requires that Shri Guha lets me know the concrete reasons, if he has any, for coining his notions in his peculiar way.

Those who are led to the conclusion in the face of dispassionate and overwhelming evidence, that Netaji perished in the Taihoku plane-crash, could not possibly have any vested interest in saying so. But in the eyes of the people, those who continue to deny, even 30 years after Netaji was last seen or heard, may have some vested interest in maintaining so. It will be futile to imagine that those who claim that Netaji did not meet with his death at Taihoku were better patriots than those who hold that he did.

Need Netaji Subhas be introduced afresh to those friends, through his following soul-stirring avowal???

"Until the last hour of my life, I shall remain servant of India. My allegiance and loyalty have ever been and will ever be to India alone, no matter in which part of the world I may be."

(Berlin, April 26, 1942)

"Even after winning freedom, I will always be prepared to shed the last drop of my blood for the preservation of India's Freedom."

(Singapore, Oct. 21, 1943)



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Shri Guha and people of his thinking had almost 30 long years to verify their frenzied version. How many more years still, would they need-or sustain?

I am sending herewith a copy of my book: Verdict From Formosa-GALLANT END OF NETAJI, which Shri Guha has referred to.

Smt. Indira Gandhi, With Warm Regards,
Prime Minister of India, *Harin Shah*
New Delhi. (Harin Shah)

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No. Pms-14369

August 14, 1973

Dear Sir,

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge your letter of August 4, 1973 and the book "Gallant end of Netaji" that you sent with it.

Yours faithfully,

(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

Shri Harin Shah,
Kumkum Bungalow,
Lytton Road,
New Delhi.

Copy with a copy of the letter under acknowledge and Shri Harin Shah's book "Gallant end of Netaji" forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs ~~for their consideration~~

(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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Ministry of Home Affairs,
Grih Mantralaya,
Poll.II Section.

Subject:- Letter dated 25th July, 1973 from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. to the Prime Minister, regarding the Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Taipei and certain other aspects on the work of the Commission.

Reference Prime Minister's Secretariat
U.O. No.PMS.13472, dated the 30th July, 1973, on the subject mentioned above.

2. A copy of a note recorded in the Ministry of External Affairs on the discussion which they had with Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla on the 25th July, 1973, concerning Shri Samar Guha's allegations about the Netaji Inquiry Commission as contained in the letter under reference is enclosed for information.

Sd/-
(Asok Gupta)
Under Secretary.

Prime Minister's Sectt. (Shri N.S. Sreeraman).
M.H.A. U.O. No.24/11/73-Poll.II, dated the August, 1973.

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Section Officer.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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I telephoned Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla today at 1.00 P.M. and mentioned to him that Shri Sumar Guha, MP, had tabled a Calling Attention Notice in the Lok Sabha and because of this the Minister of State had asked me to contact him for such information on the Netaji Commission's visit to Taiwan as he may be able to give to me. Justice G. D. Khosla very kindly came to the Ministry at 2.45 PM and in the presence of US (FE) we had a detailed discussion on the points raised by Shri Sumar Guha as also on all aspects of the visit to Taiwan.

2. Justice Khosla said that last year he had asked to go to Taiwan in order to see the spot where the aircrash was said to have taken place as also to verify a lengthy statement by Shri Satyanarayan Sinha which had been made before the Commission. He had his own doubts about the veracity of this statement. When the proposal regarding the visit had been dropped last year he had no serious objections to this and when a copy of Shri Sumar Guha's letter to the PM was sent to him last year he told the Ministry of Home Affairs that he had no reaction to offer.

3. Justice Khosla went on to say that he had no independent information on the witnesses available in Taiwan and had repeatedly told Shri Sumar Guha that he would be responsible for locating and producing the witnesses which Shri Guha had said were available in Taiwan. Before the visit took place, Shri Guha produced the names of some witnesses and the Commission wrote to them. It later transpired that some of these witnesses were not available while others appeared before the Commission.

4. Shri Guha reached Taiwan via Japan three days before the Commission arrived there. Shri Guha contacted a number of people (including perhaps Taiwanese officials) and also gave a press conference where he outlined his own thesis. (Shri Guha has long held the view that Netaji is not dead and that even if he has died, it was not in the 1945 aircrash). Justice Khosla saw a report on Shri Guha's press conference in the Taiwan papers and subsequently obtained a full transcript of those remarks. This is available with Justice Khosla. Justice Khosla also mentioned his own view that Shri Guha had placed the Commission in an embarrassing position by implying that his views were shared by the Commission. However, Justice Khosla felt that we should not highlight this point in any way.

5. A number of witnesses appeared before the Commission in Taiwan and sittings were held during the mornings and afternoons, including a full day session on Sunday. Apart from those witnesses who appeared in response to earlier approaches to them, some witnesses voluntarily came forward to give evidence after reports on the Commission's inquiries were published in the Taiwanese press. The witnesses were extremely cooperative and the Commission encountered no difficulties in recording their evidence.

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6. The only point where the Commission came into contact with Taiwanese officials was at the time of the visit to the airport where the 1945 crash took place. This place is a high security area but the Commission was allowed to visit it and to drive around in jeeps. All the Commission's questions regarding the wind direction, alignment of old and new run-ways, etc., were answered and the Commission experienced no difficulty during this airport visit. The Commission also visited the crematorium where Netaji's body was allegedly cremated. However, unlike what appeared in some press reports in India the Commission did not address any letter to the Taiwan authorities.

7. There was no restriction on the activities of the Commission either because of secret instructions or for any other reason. In fact there were no secret instructions.

8. Justice Khosla added that a mention was made by Shri Guha of a nurse who attended on Netaji before he died. The whereabouts of this nurse could not be found; in fact it is extremely doubtful if any such nurse existed. Because two witnesses who gave witness before him in Taiwan categorically stated that only male nurses were working in the military hospital in 1945 and there were no female nurses at all. Shri Guha feels Netaji is still ~~survived~~ alive somewhere. Certainly the evidence examined supported the theory that Netaji died in an aircrash at Taipai on the 18th August, 1945. However, this evidence was of a hearsay nature. There was no evidence to counter this story, either direct or otherwise.

9. I asked Justice Khosla if the Commission had any difficulties in locating the documents, a point which had been mentioned in the 32 MP's memorandum to the Prime Minister in May, 1972. Justice Khosla replied that at no stage was it specified to him by Shri Guha or any-one-else as to what particular document he should try and locate. In the absence of any indication at all he could not simply try and go through all the archives of the Taiwan authorities. This was impossible.

10. I then asked Justice Khosla whether the suggestion from the Government that it would be better for the Commission to make its own arrangements and not to use any intermediary organization had caused any difficulties. He replied that this had caused no problem at all since the purpose of approaching an intermediary organization was only to make the physical arrangements for the visit. These arrangements were made in fact through travel agents and through one Shri Pritam Singh who is a partner stationed in Taiwan of the big Hong Kong Indian firm of Harilal. On the other hand certain non-official organizations in Taiwan did show courtesy to him. The Bar Council of Taiwan held a function in his honour. He was also entertained to tea by the Sino-Indian-Burma-Sri Lanka Cultural and Economic Association. The local Indian community also entertained him to a dinner.

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11. Summing up his conversation Justice Khosla stressed the following points;

- i) The Commission received the fullest cooperation from the people of Taiwan and many witnesses were examined, including some who turned up on their own after news about the Commission's visit was published.
- ii) The Commission did not feel that any restrictions had been placed on it by the Indian Government or by anyone else. There was simply no truth in the charge that anyone had tried to "sabotage" the visit.
- iii) Perhaps Shri Guha was making his allegations because the witnesses who were examined did not support his pet theories. However this was only a personal observation and we need not publicise this in any way.
- iv) The Commission does not deal with foreign governments since the mandate given to it, while very extensive within India, does not extend outside the country. Even in the case of the Commission's visit to countries such as Japan, arrangements were made necessarily through the Indian Embassy concerned because the Commission had no authority to call upon a foreign government to furnish information. In the case of the visit to Taiwan, obviously there was no Indian Mission available to furnish such help because there are no political relations between India and Taiwan. Therefore, the Commission made its own arrangements.
- v) No secret directives were issued to the Commission. Rather the Commission reached its own decision that it would have to depend on private channels since the Commission could not approach a foreign government and no Indian Mission was available for assistance in the case of Taiwan. However, within the limits of what was possible, the visit to Taiwan yielded certain results.
- vi) The visit to Taiwan took place at the insistence of Shri Sumar Guha and others. The onus was on Shri Guha for producing useful witnesses.

Sd/-
(K. K. S. Rana)
Director (E.A)
25.7.1973.

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New Delhi,
August 14, 1973.

Dear Shri Samar Guha,

Will you please refer to your letter dated the 25th of July, 1973, addressed to the Prime Minister, regarding the Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Taiwan?

I am sorry that you feel that the Commission's work was hampered in any way by any action on our part. I am afraid, your impression is based on a misunderstanding and I thought I would give you some of the facts in respect of the matters raised by you.

You are aware of the circumstances surrounding the Commission's visit to Taiwan. In fact, it was through your efforts and advice that the Commission was able to make a visit to Taiwan and hold its sittings there in a satisfactory manner.

As you know, we do not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan and have consistently held the view that the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate Government of China and that Taiwan is a Province of China. Because of this, neither the Government of India nor judicial bodies appointed by the Government of India can enter into direct or formal contacts any time with the Government of Taiwan and its departments. Here again, it was at your initiative that a formula was worked out which would make the visit possible on a private basis. Naturally, this entailed the cooperation of the Taiwan authorities and we are grateful to you for having contributed to such cooperation. We also appreciate the cooperation extended by the people of Taiwan and the various authorities who were concerned with the work of the Commission.

In the political context mentioned above, however, it was natural that we should suggest to the Commission not to make any formal approach to the Taiwan authorities and to make an independent enquiry without enlisting the formal cooperation of any official or non-official body there. The Commission, in its judgement, accepted this suggestion. As you know, while the Commission has extensive powers to gather material evidence in India, it has no authority to compel the cooperation of any foreign Government. In all its visits to foreign countries, therefore, the Commission had conducted its enquiries with the assistance of the Indian Diplomatic Missions located

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abroad. In the case of Taiwan, this avenue was not available and the Commission had to rely on informal arrangements and on assistance of influential persons like yourself.

I should like to emphasise at this stage that the fact that the Commission did not address a formal request to the Taiwan Foreign Ministry or its East Asia Department, did not prevent the presentation of all available evidence to it. The Commission is, in fact, satisfied with the visit and with the response it received.

I understand that the question of obtaining evidence and witnesses was discussed with you extensively by Mr. Justice Khosla before the departure of the Commission for Taiwan and he had stressed to you that the Commission was relying on you and your friends for help in gathering the available evidence. On the basis of the list given by you, the Commission wrote to the witnesses in advance. While several of them turned up before the Commission in Taiwan, it was also fortunate that the publicity given to the Commission's visit in various Taiwanese newspapers succeeded in attracting some other witnesses, all of whom gave evidence.

I can assure you that no directive was given by the Government to the Commission which inhibited it from extending its stay in Taiwan. I am informed that the Commission decided against an extension beyond the nine days of its stay because it had no firm indication of the nature of any material evidence which might be produced in case the Commission stayed for an extra length of time. In any event, this was entirely an independent decision of the Commission. You have referred in your letter to some vital documents which the Commission has asked the Government to supply to it. I have conveyed the relevant extract of your letter to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Please rest assured that we in the Government fully share your desire that every possible effort should be made to assist the Commission in making the present inquiry into Netaji's disappearance a definitive and an independent judicial study.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Swaran Singh)

Shri Samar Guha,
Member of Parliament,
27, South Avenue,
NEW DELHI-110011

✓ copy for information to Prof. P.N. Dhar, Secretary
to P.M.

V.C. Trivedi
(V.C. Trivedi)
Secretary (East)
14-8-1973

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Will the Ministry of Home Affairs kindly refer to the correspondence resting with this Secretariat u.o. of even number dated the 20th July, 1973 regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. We shall be grateful for an early reply.

30/8/73
(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri R.C. Iyre - Under Secretary)
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/73-PM dt. 3-8-73

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(POLL.II SECTION)

Reference Prime Minister's Secretariat No.PMS-143 dated the 14/17th August, 1973, enclosing a copy of letter dated 4.8.73, addressed by Shri Harin Shah to the Prime Minister and a Book entitled "Gallant end of Netaji".

2. It is observed that Shri Harin Shah had in his letter referred to a short note from Shri Seshan and a letter of Shri Samar Guha to the Prime Minister. We shall be grateful if a copy of each of them is also furnished to us for necessary action.

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(Signature)
(S. RANGASWAMI)
SECTION OFFICER

P.M's Secretariat (Shri N.S.Sreeraman).
M.H.A.U.O.No.F.24/27/71-Poll.II, dated August, 1973.

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Shri Samar Guha, M.P. has written to P.M. about a book which Shri Harin Shah has published. He says that most of the documents and photographs of various persons which he claimed to have found during his visit to Taipei are either fabricated or concocted and many of the photographs were frauds.

Sd/- N.K. SESHAN
Private Secretary to
Prime Minister
26/7/73.

Shri Harin Shah,
Kum Kum Bungalow,
Behind Faridkot House,
Lytton Road,
New Delhi - 1.

No. 6149/PM/73.

Political Section

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Reference attached.

The office copy of P.S(Pu)'s note dated the 26th July, 1973, referred to in Shri Harin Shah's letter at Sl. no 65, was not received in this Section. Our Despatch Register shows that a cover bearing by no. 6149-PM/73 was sent to Shri Shah on 26th July, 1973. P.A to P.S(Pu) may please see and let us have a copy of that note to enable us to send a reply to the ministry of Home Affairs.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Reference Ministry of Home Affairs u.o.No.F.24/27/71-Poll-II dated the 23rd August, 1973 regarding Shri Harin Shah's letter to the Prime Minister and a book entitled "Gallant end of Netaji".

2. A copy of Shri N.K. Seshan's note dated the 26th July, 1973 to Shri Shah is enclosed. A copy of Shri Samar Guha's letter, referred to, was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavardan, Addl. Secretary) with this Secretariat u.o. No.PMS-13472 dated the 30th July, 1973.

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(Kishan Chand)
for Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2(64)/73-PM dt. 3-9-73

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(POLL.II SECTION)

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Subject:- Regarding some problems being faced by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

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Reference Prime Minister's Secretariat U.O.No.F.2/64/73-PM, dated August 30, 1973, on the subject mentioned above.

2. Shri Samar Guha, M.P. raised two points in his letter to the Prime Minister. One was about Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Formosa and the other about supply of documents to the Commission.

3. The Netaji Inquiry Commission have already undertaken a visit to Formosa during 8th July to 19th July, 1973. As regards supply of documents to the Commission, Minister's reply to Shri Samar Guha, in this regard, is enclosed.

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(ASOK GUPTA)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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Section Officer.

Ministry of Home Affairs

P.M.'s Secretariat (Shri N.S. Sreeraman, P.S. to P.M.)
MHA U.O. NO.F.24/27/71-POLL.II dated : 22-9-1973.

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D.O.No.24/27/71-Poll.II.

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August 14, 1973.

Dear Prof. Guha,

Kindly refer to your letter dated the 26th July, 1973, regarding the supply of certain documents to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

All the documents that were supplied to the Shah Nawaz Committee earlier have been made available to the present Commission. Additional documents required by the Commission have also been supplied to them in so far as the Government could secure them at this distance of time. Information received from our Embassy is that the documents belonging to the Japanese Military Headquarters and the Government of Japan have probably been destroyed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(K.C.Pant)

Prof. Samar Guha, MP.,
27, South Avenue,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(POLL.II SECTION)

Subject:- Files of the Prime Minister's Secretariat regarding enquiries made by the late Prime Minister about the whereabouts of Netaji.

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Prime Minister's Secretariat may please refer to the enclosed letter from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, on the subject mentioned above.

2. The files under reference belong to that Department. It is requested that an attempt may kindly be made to locate the files in question urgently. If the files are available, the same may be handed over to Shri Gulati, who has been deputed by the Commission for this purpose, under intimation to this Ministry. This may kindly be considered as MOST IMMEDIATE.

Asok Gupta
(ASOK GUPTA)
UNDER SECRETARY

P.M.'s Secretariat (Shri M.Malhoutra, Deputy Secretary)
M.H.A.U.O.No.F.24/27/71-Poll.II, dated 19.11.73.

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The files in question belong to Pol. Section who may please see for n.a.

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CONFIDENTIAL D.O. LETTER NO.4/23/71-NC DATED THE
19TH NOVEMBER 1973 FROM NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION
TO SHRI ASOK GUPTA, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
HOME AFFAIRS.

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My Dear Asok,

Sub:- Files of Prime Minister's Sectt. regarding
enquiries made by the late Prime Minister
about the whereabouts of Netaji.

I am directed to draw your kind attention to
Shri R.C.Iyer's No.24/27/71-POLL.II dated the 13th
October 1972 on the subject noted above. In this
connection, Shri T.R. Bhasin, Counsel for the Commission
made a submission in the Session held today that in
File No.2(64)/66-66-P.M., Vol.I & II, following items
are missing:-

- (i) 23(156)/51-PM Indian National Army (INA) in
the Far East.
- (ii) 23(11)/56-57P.M. I.N.A. Treasure.
- (iii) 12(226)/56-P.M. Investigation into the circumstances
leading to the death of Shri Subhas
Chandra Bose.
- (iv) 2(67)/56-62 P.M. Widow and daughter of Shri Subhas
Chandra Bose - Miscellaneous
correspondence with and about.

Against item No.(iii), it has been written in pencil 'since
destroyed'. The Chairman of the Commission has ordered
that these files if available, may be sent to the Commission
immediately. If any of these files has been destroyed, the
circumstances under which it was destroyed may be indicated.
It may please be noted that the reading of evidence is
going to close on 20.11.1973 and regular arguments will
commence from 5th of December 1973. As such, it is absolutely
necessary that you make personal efforts in procuring the
above four items and forwarded the same through the bearer,
Shri N.K. Guhathi, U.D.C. in this Commission, who is being
deputed for this purpose.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Sd/- S.L. Chopra

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N.S. Sreeraman,
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

No.PMS- 20381

November 20, 1973

Dear Shri Chopra,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. 4/23/71-NC dated the 19th November, 1973 to Shri Asok Gupta, Ministry of Home Affairs about files of this Secretariat regarding enquiries made by the late Prime Minister about the whereabouts of Netaji.

2. As desired, the following three files are sent herewith per bearer, Shri N.K. Gulati:

- ✓(1) F.23(156)/51-PM Indian National Army in the Far East
- ✓(2) F.23(11)/56-57-PM I.N.A. Treasure
- (3) F.2(67)/56-62-PM Widow and daughter of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose - Miscellaneous correspondence with and about.

3. File No.12(226)/56-PM regarding investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose was destroyed in the usual course at the time of weeding out of records in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(N.S. Sreeraman)

Shri S.L. Chopra,
Netaji Inquiry Commission,
New Delhi.

Copy forwarded for information to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Asok Gupta - Under Secretary) with reference to their u.o.No.F.24/27/71-Poll.II dated the 19th November, 1973

(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT,
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Forwarded to ~~the Ministry of~~.....
~~Home Affairs,~~.....
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for disposal.

The communication has ~~been~~ / not been
acknowledged.

W. K. Mahajan
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister's Sectt. U.O. No. *Pro. 20977*
dated *1-12-73*.....

*Telegram dated 28.11.1973 from
Sri Lila Dhar Chapra of Gwalior reg.
Sri Subash Chandra Bose.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister's Sectt.

U.O.

No. 105-20787 ✓

dated 28-11-73

* A copy of telegram dated 22.11.73
from Shri Lila Dhar of Madhya Pradesh.
reg. Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

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SAMAR GUHA

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



27, South Avenue,
New Delhi-11.

December 21, 1973.

Dear Prime Minister,

Netaji Inquiry Commission has reached the penultimate stage of finalizing its work. While setting up the Commission, the Government assured all assistance to the Commission and clearly stated that it will not be a party either to support or oppose the earlier Report of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee. However, the present position of the Netaji Inquiry Commission gives an impression contrary to the expressed views of the Government, for the following reasons:-

1. Government have supplied a number of documents only very recently and as such, the Commission could not undertake follow-up action to either investigate or verify vital information furnished to these documents.
2. A large number of documents have not been produced before the Commission.
3. The Government have not informed the Commission whether the Governments of Japan, United Kingdom, USSR, USA and other countries were approached for supplying documents related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
4. The official file of late Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru supplied to the Commission is not only incomplete but many of the reports and letters are missing from it or destroyed by the Government, according to the notes included in this file.

(A copy of the forwarding note of Pt. Nehru's file is enclosed herewith.)

5. Most of the files and documents produced before the Commission are not original but copies of alleged documents and files.
6. Besides many documents being destroyed, many pages of the files containing these documents are missing, - as are found from the gaps in the serial number of pages of these files.
7. In the documents supplied by the Defence Department, the most vital matter related to the statement made by Col. Habibur Rehman at Red Fort to Defence Intelligence at the time of his interrogation, who accompanied Netaji and who can say the final word about Netaji's mystery, is missing or purposely withheld or destroyed.

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Here is the note from the department concerned which is revealing: "Statement of Col. Habibur Rehman given in Red Fort trial is not in the file of Red Fort Trial held in Historical Section and sent by the Government of India to the Netaji Enquiry Commission."

8. 75-page report that was submitted by Shri Birendra Nath Chakravarty to the British Government, who was employed by the highest British intelligence to interrogate and examine Col. Habibur Rehman and other very high I.N.A. and Japanese officials detained at the Red Fort and which was countersigned by the highest intelligence authority of the Intelligence Department of the British government, has not been supplied to the Commission. Shri B. N. Chakravarty, during his deposition before the Netaji Inquiry Commission, stated that in his report he gave an assessment of facts and statements made by Col. Habibur Rehman and other very high Japanese officials and that the story of the plane crash involving Netaji could not be relied upon.
9. From the file of late Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the most vital letter which was known to have been sent by Netaji from Manchuria through Nanking Embassy in 1946, was missing.
10. Another very vital document regarding a letter sent by the President of the former Nationalist China, General Chiang-Kai-Sheikh, that was sent to Pt. Nehru about an inquiry made by the Government of Nationalist China at Taipei regarding the alleged plane crash involving Netaji, which was done at the request of late Pandit Nehru, is also missing. This document, contained in the correspondence between Pandit Nehru and the President Chiang-Kai-Sheikh and the reply of the President Chiang-Kai-Sheikh containing the findings of the inquiry made by the Government of China about the alleged plane crash involving Netaji, indicated that Netaji did not die in the plane crash. During my recent visit to Taipei, I came to know about such correspondence between Pt. Nehru and President Chiang-Kai-Sheikh from authoritative sources of the Government of Formosa. These correspondence between Pt. Nehru and President Chiang-Kai-Sheikh would disprove the Japanese version of the alleged plane crash involving Netaji.
11. The statement of Shri S.A. Ayer, the Minister of Publicity of the Azad Hind Government, which mentioned the name of a Japanese Intelligence Officer who was responsible for planning Netaji's escape, under instructions from General Terauchi and who claimed to have known that Netaji was alive even four years after the alleged plane crash, was not supplied in time to the Commission and the Commission did not make any attempt to contact that Japanese Intelligence Officer when the Commission visited Tokyo thereafter.

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12. The Commission did not inform the National Committee to Assist Netaji Inquiry Commission about the position of the Government regarding the documents and official files till the Argument Session of the Commission was started recently.

The Government appointed a Counsel to assist the Netaji Inquiry Commission giving an assurance that the Counsel will not act on behalf of the Government because the government was not a party to defend a case or justify the report of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee before the present Netaji Inquiry Commission. But strangely, the Counsel of the Commission has taken a clear partisan attitude trying to justify the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee's Report and instead of presenting both sides of the probability of Netaji's alleged death or his remaining alive after the reported plane crash, the counsel made every effort to justify the findings of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee.

The counsel of the Commission unnecessarily took two days to justify the political stand taken by Pt. Nehru about Netaji when that is not a part of this Enquiry and which created a situation embarrassing for the Govt. and the Commission in course of his Argument before the Commission. In such an effort, he unnecessarily undermined many of the respected family members of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The counsel tried to incorporate many hearsay and so-called facts which have not been included in the documents of the Commission.

In spite of the insistent demand from over 300 Members of Parliament to set up a fresh Inquiry Commission and Govt. after due consideration; ^{applied} setting up this present Commission, The Commission's counsel does not seem to find any merit for appointment of such fresh Commission of Inquiry, with open mind, and his whole attitude has been to attempt to plug in apparent loop holes in the Shah Nawaz Committee and make it acceptable.

The counsel followed an unprecedented procedure to read out thousands of pages of the deposition made by different witnesses before the Commission as also the documents placed by the Government before the Commission, thus taking about two and a half months of the time of the Commission. It meant an unnecessary expenditure of nearly two lacs of rupees on the part of the Government as allowances to be made for the Government Counsel and his assistant *and the Commission*



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The attitude of the Commission's counsel was against the policy of the Government as made clear at the time of setting up of the Netaji Inquiry Commission. The Government counsel made every motivated effort to please the present government by adopting a partisan attitude in trying to justify the findings of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee, in course of his argument before the Inquiry Commission. The whole purpose of appointing a counsel for the Commission by the government is not only frustrated but this act vitiated the proceedings of the Commission with an attempt to influence its findings in an abjectly partisan manner.

The attitude taken by the Chairman of the Netaji Inquiry Commission will also cause embarrassment for the Government and create misunderstanding in the minds of the Indian public for the following reasons:-

- i. While working as the Chairman of the Netaji Inquiry Commission, he undertook the responsibility of presiding over a number of other commissions set up by the Government.
- ii. He accepted a Government assignment to write a biography of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.
- iii. While visiting Taipei in Formosa, the Chairman of the Netaji Inquiry Commission addressed press reporters and tried to create an impression among them that Netaji died in the alleged plane crash. The report of the press interview appeared in all Taipei papers.
§§ Our clipping is attached herewith.
- iv. The Chairman refused to accept any official documents from the Government of Taiwan, particularly the meteorological Report of the Taipei Airport, offered to him by Airport officer there.
- v. He refused the visit to hospital where Netaji allegedly was treated after the alleged plane crash and other and other vital places. §§
- vi. The Chairman refused to compare the topography of the Taipei airport with the three photographs of alleged wrecks of planes that have been included in the report of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee, as perhaps topography of the surroundings of the airport were found to be different from the topography shown in the photographs incorporated in the report of the Shah Nawaz Committee.



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- vii. The Chairman refused to extend the sitting of the Commission at Taipei although the Convener of the National Committee made formal request to the Chairman for enabling a number of witnesses who were eager to appear before the Commission to make their deposition before it, to furnish information that (a) the plane crash did not take place in 1945 but in 1944 in the area which was spotted by the Japanese as the place of occurrence of alleged plane crash involving Netaji and (b) other matters purported to refute the story of Netaji's treatment in Taipei hospital and issuance of death certificate and crematorium certificate by the Municipality of Tapei.
- viii. The Chairman of the Commission was found to bring a present for the Prime Minister while returning from Formosa thus creating a situation of embarrassment, if not to the Commission, but at least to the Prime Minister.
- ix. The Commission did not try to find out the Japanese monk who is now staying in India, either at Rajgir or at Lumbini who, according to the deposition made by Shri S.M.Ghosh, an M.P., who had definite information that Netaji did not die in the alleged plane crash. The Chairman also did not try to locate many other Japanese who could help the Commission with vital informations in regard to inquiry qwork while he visited Tekyo. The Chairman of the Commission was found to express his displeasure whenever any report or fact against the alleged death of Netaji in the reported plane crash was made by a witness before the Commission while he visited Taipei and on the contrary whenever anything was said in justification of the report, he was found to have taken keen interest in the matter.

According to my positive information, although the Argument Session of the Commission has started only very recently and while the counsel on behalf of the Indian public did not complete their argument, the Chairman of the Commission has already started writing the report of the Commission regarding disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(LOK SABHA)



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I do not want to make any observation about the probable findings of the Commission but want to place on record that the aim of impartial investigation that was expected to be followed by the Netaji Inquiry Commission, has not been objectively followed. I am not releasing this letter to the press now.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samar Guha

(SAMAR GUHA)

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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File No.F.23(156)/51-PM

PAPERS DESTROYED

- S.Nos. 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A, 6-A, 8-A.
- S.No. 16-A U.O. Note No.D/S-8666, dated the 24th August 1953, from PM's Sectt. to Shri Mohd Yunus, MEA.
- S.No. 17-A UO Note No.D.3788-8EA/53, dated the 27th August, 1953, from Shri Mohd.Yunus, MEA (SEA BR.) To PM's Sectt.
- S.No. 27-A Memo No.2/53/19713/601(151) dated the 13th October, 1953, from Shri Mohd.Yunus, US, MEA to PM'S Sectt.
- S.No. 33-B Letter No.20/62(Accts. dated the 12th April, 1954, from the Joint Secretary, All.India INA Enquiry and Relief Committee, 82, Daryaganj, Delhi to the President.
- S.No. 33-D Cutting from the Amrita Bazar Patrika, dated the 3rd April, 1954 - Property formerly held by INA Custodian at Singapore decides to Dispose off.
- S.No. 34-A Rajya Sabha's Starred Question No.560, dated the 28th September 1954.
- S.No. 34-B Note for supplementaries.
- S.No. 35-A Lok Sabha Starred Question No.1501, dated the 29th September, 1954.
- S.No. 35-B Note for Supplementaries.
- S.No. 37-A Lok Sabha Starred Question No.334, dated the 2nd August, 1955.
- S.No. 37-BCD Enclosures to S.No.37-A

AND NOTES

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SS. *[signature]*

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S.No 59
S.P. Khanna,
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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January 1, 1974

Dear Shri Nanda,

Shri Samar Guha, MP, has written to the Prime Minister that the following two letters have not been produced before the Netaji Inquiry Commission:

- (1) A letter said to have been sent by Netaji in 1946 from Manchuria through the Nanking Embassy to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru; and (9)
- (2) A letter sent by General Chiang-Kai-Sheikh to Panditji about an enquiry made by the Government of Nationalist China at Taipei regarding the alleged plane crash involving Netaji. (10)

As you know, the Prime Minister Secretariat came into being in 1947 and the above communications could, therefore, not be found on this Secretariat file on this subject. The Prime Minister desires to know whether they are available in the Nehru Memorial Library.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

21.1.74

(S.P. Khanna)

Shri B.R. Nanda,
Director,
Nehru Memorial Museum & Library,
New Delhi.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

We forward herewith a copy of a letter dated 21st December, 1973 which the Prime Minister has received from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. about the Netaji Inquiry Commission. In so far as points Nos. 4 and 6 are concerned, the position is that in accordance with the standing instructions relating to the recording of files, papers which were of a routine or non-essential nature were destroyed before this Secretariat file on the subject was recorded. In any case, no paper was destroyed after the file had been requisitioned by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. As regards points 9 and 10, as the Ministry of Home Affairs is aware, the Prime Minister's Secretariat came into being in August, 1947 and this Secretariat file on the subject could not, therefore, have contained papers relating to earlier dates. We are, however, enquiring from the Nehru Memorial Library whether the letters referred to are with them.

3. As regards point ii on page 4, it might be mentioned that the assignment relating to a biography of the Prime Minister was not a Government assignment. At Shri G.D. Khosla's special request, the Prime Minister saw him for about half-an-hour.

4. The Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly look into the other points made by Shri Guha and send a suitable reply to him, with a copy to this Secretariat.

B.N. Tandon
(B.N. Tandon) 4/1/74
Joint Secretary
to the Prime Minister
4.1.1974

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri TCA Srinivasavaradan,
Addl. Secretary)

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NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

DIRECTOR

No. F.VII/Misc/74-MSS
Dated 7 January 1974.


Dear Shri Khanna,

Please refer to your letter No.
PMS-44 dated January 1, 1974.

The two letters mentioned by you
are not available in the Nehru Memorial Museum
& Library.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(B.R. Nanda)

Shri S.P. Khanna,
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister,
Prime Minister's Secretariat,
New Delhi.110011

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Prof. SAMAR GUHA
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



27, South Avenue,
NEW DELHI-11.

3rd January, 1974.

Dear Prime Minister,

In continuation of my letter dated 21st December, 73,
I have to inform you further that the 'Prime Minister
Secretariat files' which have been sent to Netaji Inquiry
Commission show that a very vital document, No.12(226)/56-PM
regarding "Investigation into circumstances leading to the
death of Subhash Chandra Bose" has been destroyed.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the notings
over the files.

I don't know whether such a vital file has been
destroyed or withheld. I would request you to investigate
into the matter and find out whether the files mentioned in
my earlier letter to you as also about one in it, have really
been destroyed and if so, the reasons thereof. I hope you
will consider it essential that these vital files should be
forwarded to the Netaji Inquiry Commission, for arriving at
a correct conclusion about the matter relating to dis-
appearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

I am expecting replies to my letters addressed to
you in connection with Government files supplied to the
Netaji Commission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samar Guha
(SAMAR GUHA)

Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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1. 23(156)/51-PM - Indian National Army (INA) in the Far East.
 2. 23(11)56-57-PM - I.N.A. Treasure.
 - ✓ 3. 12(226)/56-PM - Investigation into the circumstances leading
(written in pencil - since to the death of Subhash Chandra Bose.
destroyed)
 4. 2(67)/56-PM - Widow and daughter of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose -
Misc. Correspondence with and about.
 5. 2(381) 60-62-PM - Proposal to bring Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's
Ashes from Tokyo and to put up memorial to him
in front of Red Fort in Delhi.
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No. 11-PMO/74.

New Delhi,
January 9, 1974.

Dear Shri Guha,

I have your letter of the 3rd January regarding the files supplied to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

A misunderstanding seems to have arisen about the file that has been destroyed because of the subject heading given to it. I can assure you that this file contained only copies of certain documents which are still available in other files. This file was destroyed only because it contained copies.

I received your letter of the 21st December also. But since it mainly concerned the Ministry of Home Affairs, I passed it on to my colleague, the Home Minister, with a request to send you a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Indira Gandhi)

Shri Samar Guha, M.P.,
27, South Avenue,
New Delhi-110011.

B.N. TANDON,
Joint Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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January 11, 1974
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My dear Varadan,

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In continuation of our UO No.PMS-307 of 5 January, 1974 regarding Shri Samar Guha's letter about the Netaji Inquiry Commission, I am sending you copies of a further letter of Prof Samar Guha and PM's reply thereto. We shall be grateful if an early reply is sent to Prof Guha's letter of 21st December, 1973.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(B.N. Tandon)

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Reference this Secretariat u.o. No.PMS-307 dated the 5th January, 1974 with which was forwarded a copy of letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. about the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We should be grateful to be informed whether a reply has been sent to Shri Guha. If so, it is requested that a copy may kindly be sent us.

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(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan)
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/74-PM dt. 11-2-74

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. F. 18/5/74-Poll.II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Grih Mantralaya)

...
New Delhi, the February, 1974.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:-Lok Sabha Starred Question D.No. 3424 tabled
by Shri Samar Guha, regarding Netaji Inquiry
Commission.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry
of External Affairs' U.O.endt. No. C/125(1)74-JP, dated
the 18th February, 1974, on the subject mentioned above.
This Ministry accepts the transfer of the advance notice.
Facts relating to the question are being ascertained from
the Prime Minister's Secretariat and will be communicated
to the Lok Sabha Secretariat as soon as possible.

(ASOK GUPTA)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

To

The Lok Sabha Secretariat
(Question Branch)
New Delhi.

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No. F.18/5/74-Poll.II Dated the 21st February, 1974.

1. Copy forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs,
with reference to their U.O. referred to above.
- ✓ 2. Copy with a copy of the question to the Prime Minister's
Secretariat. It is requested that necessary material
for answering the question may kindly be furnished
to this Ministry immediately.

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(ASOK GUPTA)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA - ADVANCE NOTICE

Starred D.No.

3424

Ministry to which the day has been allotted External Affairs

The Question will, if admitted be put for the sitting on

28.2.1974.

NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state.

- (a) Whether it is a fact that late Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had made a request to the former President of China, Generalissimo Chiang Kaishik, to conduct an enquiry into the report circulated by the Japanese Radio regarding alleged death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a plane crash at Tasheko (Taipie) in 1945;
- (b) whether the Mayor of Taipie (Taihoko) conducted an enquiry into the reported plane crash and submitted his findings to the then President of China to this effect that the report was unfounded;
- (c) whether the President of China informed Pandit Nehru about the findings of the inquiry;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not submitting the correspondence between Pandit Nehru and Chiang Kaishik before the Netaji Inquiry Commission;
- (e) whether these correspondence are missing or have been destroyed by the Government;
- (f) whether the Government will write to the Government of Taiwan for supplying copies of such correspondence from this archive to the Netaji Inquiry Commission; and
- (g) if not, the reasons thereabout?

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Most Immediate
Parliament Questions

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Subject:- Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 3424
tabled by Shri Samar Guha, regarding Netaji
Inquiry Commission.

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Reference Ministry of Home Affairs endorsement
No. F.18/5/74-Poll.II dated the 21st February, 1974
on the subject mentioned above.

2. In this connection attention is invited to this
Secretariat U.O.No. PMS.307 dated the 5th January,
1974. We have no material on the subject.

(N.S.Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Asok Gupta) (Under
Secretary)

Prime Minister's Secretariat U.O.No. F.2/64/74-PM
Dated the 25th Feb., 1974

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(GRIH MANTRALAYA)

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Subject:- Supply of documents to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

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Reference:- P.M.Secretariat's u.o.No.F.2/64/74-PM dated 25th February, 1974.

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Will the Prime Minister's Secretariat kindly refer to para.2 of their u.o.No.PMS-307 dated 5.1.1974 in which it had been stated that enquiries were being made from the Nehru Memorial Library regarding correspondence between the President of the former Nationalist China, General Chaing-Kai-Sheikh and Pandit Nehru on the alleged plane crash involving Netaji?

2. It is requested that a copy of the reply, if received from the Nehru Memorial Library, may please be sent to this Ministry. This may please be treated as MOST IMMEDIATE as this is required in connection with a Parliament Question.

J. Srinivasan
(J. Srinivasan)
Under Secretary

Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri N.S. Sreeraman, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister)
MHA u.o.N_o. 24/27/71-Poll.II (Desk-III) Dated 13-3-1974

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

Subject:- Supply of documents to the Netaji
Inquiry Commission.

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~~S.No. 89~~
Reference Ministry of Home Affairs
u.o.No.24/27/71-Poll.II (Desk-III) dated the 13th
March, 1974 on the subject mentioned above.

2. A copy of the reply dated the 7th January,
1974 received from the Nehru Memorial Museum and
Library is forwarded herewith as desired.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

SSA J.C.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Sri J. Srinivasan -U.S.)
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/74-PM dt. 14-3-74

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Reference this Secretariat u.o. notes No.PMS-307 and F.2/64/74-PM dated the 5th January and 11th February, 1974 respectively regarding a letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P., about the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We shall be grateful for an early reply.

18/3/74
(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

SSA of
Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R.C. Iyer, Dy. Secy.)
(Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavardan)
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2(64)74-PM dt. 19-3-74

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Reference this Secretariat u.o. notes No.PMS-307 and F.2/64/74-PM dated the 5th January, 11th February and 19th March, 1974 regarding a letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P., about the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We shall be grateful to be informed when a reply may be expected.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri R.C. Iyer, Deputy Secretary)
PM's Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/74-PM dt. 24-4-74

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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The Prime Minister's Secretariat may please refer to Shri Samar Guha's letter, dated 20/8/1973 addressed to the Prime Minister (copy enclosed) which was received in this Ministry through the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) alongwith their letter, dated 24/12/1973.

Shri Guha had raised the following two points in his above cited letter.

- i) That suitable steps may be taken to enable Col. Habibur Rehman, who is now an important officer in Pakistan, to appear before the Netaji Inquiry Commission; and
- ii) that if the Government accepts the objectives of the 'Netaji National Academy Bill' introduced by him for discussion in the Parliament he would withdraw the Bill to enable Government to move a fresh Bill in a more comprehensive manner.

As regard Col. Habibur Rehman's evidence before the Commission is concerned, the position has already been clarified in the context of some related Parliament Questions that Col. Habibur Rehman had informed that he had nothing to add to what he had already said in his evidence before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee in 1956 and he was, therefore, of the opinion that no purpose would be served by his going to New Delhi.

In so far as 'Netaji National Academy Bill' introduced by Shri Guha is concerned, it has been ascertained that this Bill was discussed in Parliament in August, 1973 and was finally rejected by the House on 24th August, 1973.

J. SRINIVASAN)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Prime Minister's Secretariat, New Delhi.

MHA U.O. NO. 24/27/71-Poll.II(D.III), dated 25 April, 1974

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Ministry of Home Affairs

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Copy of Most Urgent letter dated 20th August, 1973 from
Shri Samar Guha, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha),
27, South Avenue, New Delhi-11, addressed to Shrimati
Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.

Dear Prime Minister,

1. I had written to you earlier that Col. Habibur Rehman, who is now an important officer in Pakistan can say the last word about Netaji ~~Subhas~~ Chander Bose. He has not appeared before the Netaji Inquiry Commission. In my earlier letter I requested you to write to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Bhutto, to enable Col. Habibur Rehman to appear before the Commission.

Now Mr. Aziz Ahmed, the Foreign Minister of Pakistan, is in Delhi. Accordingly to press report he will be meeting you very soon. May I request you to suggest to him that suitable steps may be taken to enable Col. Habibur Rehman to appear before the Netaji Inquiry Commission?

2. My 'Netaji National Academy Bill' is being discussed in the House. The debate will be concluded on 24th August next. I have no doubt will be concluded on 24th August next. I have no doubt that such an academy will be set up in future if it is not accepted now.

May I request you to accent the objectives of this Bill and yourself initiate the move to set up 'Netaji National Academy' for research work and higher studies on the subjects namely:

- (i) Economics of National Planning;
- (ii) Comparative Political Philosophies;
- (iii) Advance Military Science; and
- (iv) Problems of National Integration.

This will be a positive step for the Government to pay their tribute to Netaji in a constructive way which will benefit our nation also

If the Government accent the objectives of the Bill, I will withdraw my Bill to enable the Government to move a fresh Bill in a more comprehensive manner. If you take such step to set up 'Netaji National Academy', I have no doubt the people all over the country will highly appreciate your move in this regard.

With kind regards,

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Reference this Secretariat u.o. notes No.PMS-307 and F.2/64/74-PM dated the 5th January, 11th February, 19th March and 24th April, 1974 regarding a letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P., about the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We shall be grateful if a reply in the matter is kindly expedited.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R.C. Iyer - Dy.Secy.)
P.M.'s Sectt. u.o.No.F.2/64/74-PM dated 28-5-74

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18th June, 1974

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter dated 15th June, 1974 to the Prime Minister with which you have forwarded a copy of your letter of the 10th June to the Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

Shri Dwijendra Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Court,
Calcutta-20.

Copy together with the letter under
reply forwarded to the Ministry of Home
Affairs.

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(S.P. Khanna)
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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Sub: Shri Samar Guha, M.P.'s communications regarding Netaji Inquiry Commission.

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Will the Prime Minister's Sectt. please refer to their U.O.No.F.2/64/74-PM, dated the 29th May, 1974 on the above subject?

2. A copy of the reply sent by H.M. to Shri Samar Guha's letter dated 21-12-73 to the Prime Minister, is enclosed.

J. Srinivasan

(J.Srinivasan)
Under Secretary(Poll.III)

Prime Minister's Secretariat(Shri N.S.Sreeraman,
PS to PM)
MHA u/o No.27/27/71-Poll.(D-III), dated 10th June, 1974.

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D.O.No. 24/27/71-Poll.II(D-III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
NEW DELHI

Dated the May 3/4, 1974.

Dear Shri Guha,

Please refer to your letter dated 21st December, 1973, addressed to the Prime Minister regarding matters connected with the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

I would like to point out that every effort was made to secure the documents from all sources including foreign countries where, it was claimed, they would be available and all the documents that could be secured were supplied to the Commission without delay. There has been no lack of effort or avoidable delay in this regard. The position regarding the documents, which ~~should~~ could not be secured because of their non-availability, has been explained to the Commission in different affidavits filed from time to time. You may please recall the reply I had given in Lok Sabha on the 27th March, 1974 to your question on this point.

You have made some observations criticising the conduct of the Government counsel and the attitude of the Chairman, Shri Bhasin, Government counsel passed away in December 1973. The enquiry is also over and the Commission is likely to submit its report soon. Government do not propose to take any further action in this regard at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT)

Shri Samar Guha,
Member of Parliament,
27, South Avenue,
NEW DELHI-11



S.L. Chopra,
Secretary.

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D.O.No.6/17/74-NC.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

नेताजी जांच आयोग (१९७०)

NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970)

सैक्रिट फ्लोर, रिजर्व बैंक बिल्डिंग

पार्लियामेंट स्ट्रीट, नई दिल्ली-१

Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building

Parliament Street, New Delhi-1

Dated the 5th July, 1974.

Dear Shri Sreeraman,

I am sending herewith the following files pertain-
ing to the Prime Minister's Secretariat concerning Netaji :-

- ✓ i) F.23(156)/51-PM.
- ✓ ii) F.23(11)/56-57-PM.
- ✓ iii) F.2(67)/56-62-PM.
- ✓ iv) F.2(64)/56-66-PM.
Vol.I.
- ✓ v) F.2(64)/56-66-PM.
Vol.II.

The files at serial Nos. (i) to (iii) above were
received with your d.o. letter No.PM-20331 of November 20,
1973 and the files at serial nos.(iv) to (v) were received
earlier through the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Please acknowledge the receipt of these files.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

(S.L. CHOPRA)
SECRETARY

Shri N.S. Sreeraman,
P.S. To Prime Minister,
Prime Minister's Secretariat,
New Delhi.

Secret

No.F.2/64/74-PM

N.S. Sreeraman,
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister

S.No. 94
S.No. 96

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July 27, 1974

S.No. 96

Dear Shri Chopra,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.6/17/74-NC dated the 5th July, 1974, together with the five files pertaining to this Secretariat about Netaji.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(N.S. Sreeraman)

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Shri S.L. Chopra,
Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission,
New Delhi.

Re: item no. (iii) in Shri Chopra's letter —
we had sent them two volumes of this file. Have
both these been received back?
Apart from these, I hope no other file is due to be
returned to us by the Commission. N.S. Sreeraman

27/7/74

Both - Both the volumes of our file no. 2/67/56-62-87
have been received back. Further, no other
file of ours remains to be received back.

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Pd(S) 27/7/74

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SHRI G. L. NANDA

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN.
NEW DELHI-110004

September 4, 1974.

Dear Indiraji,

With the publication of Khosla Report on Netaji's death, the unseemly and disgraceful controversy should come to an end.

2. You are aware that I was very closely associated with Netaji and I paid heavy price for it.

3. I will suggest that his ashes should be brought to Calcutta from Tokyo in a battle ship touching Singapore and Rangoon, and placed on the Rampart of Red Fort, before immersion in holy rivers.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ansar Harvani

(Ansar Harvani)

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister's House,
1, Safdarjang Road,
NEW DELHI-11.

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No Pms-15205

September 5, 1974

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Dear Sir,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter dated the 4th September, 1974.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Naidar)
Director

Shri Ansar Harvani,
Secretary,
Citizens' Central Council,
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi.

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New Delhi,
September 21, 1974.

Dear Dr. Dhillon,

While speaking in the Lok Sabha on the 5th August about the Khosla Commission report, Shri Samar Guha alleged that Shri Justice Khosla had brought a gift for me from Formosa. I did not want to contradict Shri Guha without verifying the position from Shri Justice Khosla himself, who was not in Delhi then. I have done so now on his return from Manali. He confirms that he has never given me any gift. However, on his return from Korea, he brought me a tiny lamp presented to me by the Indian community there at a function where Shri Guha was also present. I am writing to you so that this may be on record.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

ly
(Indira Gandhi)

Dr. G.S. Dhillon,
Speaker,
Lok Sabha,
New Delhi.

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प्रधान मंत्री सचिवालय

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Forwarded to..Ministry..of..Home... ..
.....Affairs..(Shri..I..Srinivasan,
...Under..Secretary).....
for disposal.

The communication has ~~been~~ not been
acknowledged.

N.S. Sreeraman
(N.S. Sreeraman)

Private Secretary

to the Prime Minister.

1-10-74
Prime Minister's Sectt. U.O.

No. F.2/64/246m

dated.....1-10-74

Re Letter dated 27th Sept., 1974
from Shri D. Venkatachalam, 2A, Lake
Temple Road, Calcutta, regarding
disappearance of Netaji.

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Reference u.o. below from the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the request made by Shri Mookiah Thevar of the All India Forward Bloc to the Netaji Inquiry Commission that the personal files of the late Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru about enquiries made by him regarding Netaji may be made available to the Commission.

2. It is not clear what exactly is meant by 'personal files'. I think we may, in the first instance, write to the Ministry of Home Affairs as in the u.o. note below.

S.P. Khanna
(S.P. Khanna)
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→ SL. no. 42(c)
A reply has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is placed at 'FR'. They have clarified that they are interested in any files that may be available with this Secretariat on the subject of the disappearance of Netaji. These would also include files in which Shri Jawaharlal Nehru had made inquiries while he was the Prime Minister.

2. In view of the clarification given by the Ministry, we will have to send all the five volumes of our file No. 2/64/56-70-PM to them.

submitted for orders.

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The papers are being put up to J.S. with a separate note. [This note can be treated as routine].

S.P. Khanna
1-8-72

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Please check what files
on the subject there are in
Political Section.

S.D. Khanna.

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The only files available in
this Section, on the subject, are placed
below. There was another file bearing
No. 12/226/56-Pms with the subject

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to the death of Shri. Sukhdev Chandra Bose"
but this was destroyed on 6-3-72 during
the process of accessioning

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(Vol. I & II only of the file placed below contain
papers pertaining to Pandit ji's trial)

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Thanks.

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S.D. Khanna

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on the subject there are in
Political Section.

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(Vol. I + II only of the file placed below contain papers pertaining to Panditji's time).

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Thanks.

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S.D. Khanna

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